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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State

Artist Committee has selected Ray Benson of Austin as Texas State

3 Musician for 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Benson is the founder, lead singer, and

5 guitarist of the Grammy Award-winning band, Asleep at the Wheel;

based in Austin, Mr. Benson and this talented group of musicians

7 have consistently entertained audiences with their unique western

swing sound for more than 30 years, garnering worldwide acclaim as

well as a multitude of devoted fans; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his exceptional contributions to his chosen

11 field of artistic endeavor, Mr. Benson has earned deep appreciation

12 and esteem and further enriched the vibrant cultural life of the

13 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

15 hereby honor Ray Benson on the occasion of his selection as Texas

16 State Musician for 2004; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

18 prepared for Mr. Benson as an expression of high regard by the Texas

19 House of Representatives and Senate.