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H.C.R. No. 248

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Texas songwriters, past and present, reflect in  
2 rhythm and rhyme the essence of our culture; they are the poets of  
3 their time and have become the symbolic troubadours of our state;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Both heralded and unsung heroes of the past have  
6 laid the foundation for those who have followed in their footsteps,  
7 and contemporary Lone Star musicians continue to build on Texas'  
8 rich tradition of inspired music and songwriting; acknowledging  
9 these unique artists, developing a permanent archive of their work,  
10 displaying their photographs and related artifacts, and  
11 highlighting their performances are the mission of the Texas  
12 Heritage Songwriters Collection, which is housed in the historic  
13 Hill's Cafe in Austin on South Congress Avenue; and

14           WHEREAS, Located on Old Highway 81, Hill's Cafe once provided  
15 lodging to hundreds of traditional Texas musicians who played the  
16 dance halls and clubs in the area from the 1940s through the 1960s;  
17 today the restaurant remains dedicated to showcasing the remarkable  
18 work of the songwriters and balladeers of the Lone Star State, and  
19 all Texans may take pride in this cultural landmark's enduring  
20 contribution to the musical legacy of Texas; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby recognize Hill's Cafe as the home of the Texas Heritage  
23 Songwriters Collection and commend all those associated with this  
24 worthy project for their support of this significant Texas

1 tradition; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Hill's Cafe as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.