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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Music Museum, located on E. 11th Street in  
2 historic East Austin, is an ongoing project created and supported  
3 by those who believe that the history and culture of Texas are  
4 written in its music; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in Texas in 1984 as a 501(c)(3)  
6 nonprofit charitable organization, the Texas Music Museum was  
7 designated the following year as a Texas Independence Association  
8 by the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission for its participation in  
9 and contributions to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of  
10 the Lone Star State; and

11           WHEREAS, Since its premier exhibit and series of music  
12 programs to commemorate the sesquicentennial, the Texas Music  
13 Museum has conducted extensive interviews; taken photographs;  
14 collected recordings and personal memorabilia of many of the  
15 state's great musicians; and presented exhibitions, performances,  
16 and educational programs encompassing such diverse musical genres  
17 as Soul, Blues, Jazz, Classical, Pop, Rock, Tejano, Native  
18 American, Gospel, Czech, German, Western Swing, and  
19 Cowboy/Country; and

20           WHEREAS, A member of the National Music Museum Alliance, the  
21 Texas Association of Museums, and the Austin Museum Partnership,  
22 the Texas Music Museum has made significant progress in its work by  
23 coordinating its efforts with other museums across the state; and

24           WHEREAS, Among the members of the Texas Music Museum's board

1 of directors are musicians, writers, music educators, music  
2 historians, and representatives of Texas universities whose  
3 institutions have major Texas music collections; and

4 WHEREAS, The museum has received financial support for 15  
5 years from the City of Austin, through the city's Cultural  
6 Contracts Program, and recently completed a comprehensive  
7 strategic plan produced by the Bay Group, a nationally recognized  
8 cultural arts consulting corporation; and

9 WHEREAS, Poised to begin development of a major museum and  
10 archive, plans have been made for permanent exhibits, as well as  
11 temporary displays which will change throughout the course of each  
12 year; the museum will continue to present a variety of musical  
13 performances in its state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor  
14 facilities, which are also to be used for music festivals, and  
15 additional future construction includes an auditorium for its  
16 lecture series and classrooms for adult and children's educational  
17 activities; and

18 WHEREAS, The research, preservation, promotion, and  
19 presentation of the treasure that is our state's music legacy will  
20 enrich the lives of all Texans in the years to come, and the  
21 accomplishments of Texas Music Museum in this regard make it truly  
22 worthy of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby designate the Texas Music Museum as the official music  
25 museum of the State of Texas and commend all those associated with  
26 this exceptional institution.