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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2003, Vernon Owen "Spot" Barnett, the
2 legendary Texas saxophonist, is being inducted into the Counting My
3 Blessings Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Marcos, Mr. Barnett graduated from
5 Phillis Wheatley High School in the Alamo City; he attended St.
6 Philip's College on a music scholarship while keeping up a busy
7 schedule performing in clubs around the city and throughout South
8 Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Mr. Barnett
10 gained renown as the band leader at San Antonio's Ebony Club; he
11 also began recording his own music, achieving hits with
12 compositions such as "Ebony Shuffle," "Pony Race," and "20th
13 Century"; during his career, he traveled and performed with many
14 notable artists, including Ike and Tina Turner, Sam and Dave, and
15 Bobby Bland; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett returned to San Antonio in 1997 with
17 plans to retire; instead, he wound up forming his own band and also
18 joining the West Side Horns, who have served as featured background
19 musicians for Doug Sahm, Augie Meyers, the Texas Tornados, Flaco
20 Jimenez, and the Lucky "13" Group, led by Anthony "Lucky" Tomblin;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Revered for his exceptional talent and his longtime
23 contributions to the world of music, Mr. Barnett has received an
24 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Texas Legislative Black

1 Caucus and has been honored as one of 100 Living Legends by the San
2 Antonio *Express-News*; and

3 WHEREAS, Now retired, this esteemed gentleman is a devoted
4 member of Childress Memorial Church of God in Christ; and

5 WHEREAS, Spot Barnett's contributions to Texas music--as
6 saxophonist, band leader, composer, and the inspiration he has
7 provided to numerous younger players--have immeasurably enriched
8 the culture of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a pleasure to
9 honor him at this time; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Vernon Owen "Spot" Barnett on his
12 induction into the Counting My Blessings Hall of Fame and extend to
13 him its deep appreciation for the lasting legacy of his magnificent
14 musicianship; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Barnett as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.