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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has been home to many music stars,
2 and Lee Ann Womack from Jacksonville is a shining light in this
3 truly notable array; and

4 WHEREAS, The Country Music Association's 2001 Female
5 Vocalist of the Year, Ms. Womack grew up listening to the Grand Ole
6 Opry and helping her father select music at a local country music
7 radio station; after graduating from high school in Jacksonville,
8 she studied music at South Plains Junior College and then attended
9 Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee; and

10 WHEREAS, She got a job in 1995 as a songwriter for Sony/Tree
11 Publishing, and in 1996, Decca Records signed her as a solo artist;
12 the following year she released her self-titled album, which
13 featured her first number one single, "The Fool," and went
14 platinum; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2000, Ms. Womack released *I Hope You Dance* to
16 worldwide critical acclaim, and she received invitations to sing at
17 the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, the White House, and the Orange
18 Bowl; the album's title track won Academy of Country Music awards
19 for Event Record of the Year, Single Record of the Year, and Song of
20 the Year in 2001, and the album's hit song, "Does My Ring Burn Your
21 Finger," was named 2001 Song of the Year by *USA Today*; and

22 WHEREAS, Recently, Ms. Womack was further honored when she
23 and fellow Texan Willie Nelson won a Grammy Award for Best Country
24 Collaboration with Vocals for their song "Mendocino County Line";

1 moreover, Ms. Womack has been nominated for 2003 Academy of Country
2 Music awards for Female Vocalist of the Year and Vocal Event of the
3 Year; and

4 WHEREAS, The mother of two daughters, Ms. Womack never loses
5 sight of the importance of her family or her values of fairness and
6 compassion; she has touched the hearts of millions of people across
7 the globe with her words and her voice, and she is a great source of
8 pride to all her fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 13, 2003, as Lee Ann Womack Day
11 at the State Capitol; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Womack as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.