

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a premier blues and jazz  
2 musician when Herbert William McKinny, widely known as Kinny Abair,  
3 passed away on February 15, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, This outstanding Texas musician was born on October  
5 16, 1938; since the age of five, when he learned to play a guitar he  
6 built himself, Mr. McKinny showed a remarkable aptitude for music,  
7 studying the violin in his youth and attending the Berklee College  
8 of Music in Boston as a young man out of the U.S. Navy; and

9           WHEREAS, Influenced by such music notables as Brownie McGhee,  
10 Billy Bizer, Johnny Clyde Copeland, and Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins,  
11 Mr. McKinny swiftly rose to prominence as a jazz guitarist with a  
12 distinctive blues sound; and

13           WHEREAS, Audiences across the United States and Europe  
14 enjoyed the fresh sound that emanated from his hollow body guitar;  
15 in addition to his touring, Mr. McKinny performed for the  
16 television miniseries *A Woman of Independent Means*, the movie  
17 *RoboCop*, and the critically acclaimed documentary *The Strange*  
18 *Demise of Jim Crow*; he also taught guitar lessons at Texas Southern  
19 University; and

20           WHEREAS, This talented musician is being remembered on April  
21 19, 2003, with a live concert by "Aubrey Dunham and The Party  
22 Machine," a tribute to the enduring legacy of this esteemed Texas  
23 artist; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

H.R. No. 969

1 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Herbert William McKinny and  
2 extend sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and countless fans,  
3 and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day,  
4 it do so in memory of Kinny Abair.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 969 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House