

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In September 2003 the Montgomery County Performing
2 Arts Society begins its 25th season of performing arts events and
3 educational outreach to the Montgomery County area, and this joyous
4 occasion is indeed worthy of special legislative recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, This enduring organization was formed by community
6 leaders interested in fostering an appreciation for artistic
7 endeavor, as well as allowing local residents the opportunity to
8 experience works by professional artists, such as vocal and
9 instrumental music, dance, and theater; and

10 WHEREAS, Since opening its inaugural season with a sold-out
11 performance of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* by the Texas Opera
12 Company, the society has provided area residents with both
13 classical and popular entertainment by such artists as Ferrante and
14 Teicher, Burl Ives, the Houston Symphony Orchestra, the Houston
15 Tidelanders, the Four Freshmen, the Kingston Trio, the Joffrey
16 Ballet, the Vienna Boys Choir, Floyd Kramer, the River City Brass
17 Band, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, and the National Shakespeare
18 Company; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, the society has annually
20 presented the widely known and well-respected Entergy Young Texas
21 Artists Music Competition and Concert, which was initiated in 1983
22 to encourage excellence in young musicians and to promote the
23 development of high artistic standards in the community and
24 throughout Texas; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year the Montgomery County Performing Arts
2 Society also sponsors a theater workshop for children, including
3 student performances, workshops by visiting artists, and other
4 educational and enrichment activities that sow the seeds of
5 artistic interest in local youth; and

6 WHEREAS, The venue for most society-sponsored events is the
7 restored 69-year-old Crighton Theatre; located in downtown Conroe,
8 this magnificent building is the "crown jewel" of Montgomery County
9 and a tribute to the community's dedication to its proud heritage;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, With the Conroe area's popularity as a retirement
12 location, the population and economy of the county have experienced
13 significant growth, creating a broader potential audience and a
14 bright future for the society; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of this body are pleased to join the
16 citizens of Montgomery County in congratulating all those
17 associated with the Montgomery County Performing Arts Society for
18 their praiseworthy role in the cultural and educational life of
19 their community; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of the
22 Montgomery County Performing Arts Society and extend to its
23 members, organizers, and participants, both past and present,
24 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration;
25 and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the Montgomery County Performing Arts Society as an

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1 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 992 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House