

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to many outstanding  
2 entertainers, and Austin country music sensation Kevin Fowler can  
3 justly be found on that list of notable Texans; and

4           WHEREAS, Raised in Amarillo, Mr. Fowler moved to Los Angeles  
5 when he was 20 years old and studied music at the Guitar Institute  
6 of Technology before returning to Texas and settling in Austin;  
7 during the late 1980s and early 1990s, he first met with acclaim  
8 playing guitar for the Texas hard rock band Dangerous Toys, and with  
9 a growing catalog of songs, he went on to form his own Southern rock  
10 band, Thunderfoot, which he led until his West Texas roots drew him  
11 toward country music; and

12           WHEREAS, Determined to create an authentic country sound, he  
13 formed the Kevin Fowler Band in 1998 and began playing weekly gigs  
14 at Babe's on Austin's famed Sixth Street; building a large fan base,  
15 Mr. Fowler has achieved great renown among fans of country music  
16 with the release of such popular discs as *One for the Road*, *Beer*,  
17 *Bait*, & *Ammo*, and his most recent album, *High on the Hog*, which  
18 debuted at No. 54 on Billboard's weekly chart and No. 3 on  
19 Billboard's new artist chart; and

20           WHEREAS, Back home in Austin, Mr. Fowler has enjoyed  
21 overwhelming support and recognition for his artistic endeavors, as  
22 reflected by his name's repeated mention in the *Austin Chronicle*  
23 2002 "Best of Austin" issue; in addition, Mr. Fowler was honored at  
24 the 2002-2003 Austin Music Awards as Austin Musician of the Year and

1 Best Songwriter and for Best Male Vocals; the Kevin Fowler Band  
2 received honors as Best Country Band, and band member Clay Karch was  
3 named Best Bassist, while *High on the Hog* tied for Best Album of the  
4 Year, and Fowler's "Senorita Mas Fina" claimed the title of Austin  
5 Song of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, With a heart as big as his voice, Mr. Fowler has also  
7 generously volunteered his time and talents in behalf of numerous  
8 fund-raisers benefiting organizations such as the Ronald McDonald  
9 House and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as individuals facing  
10 personal tragedies; and

11 WHEREAS, This talented Texan's reputation continues to grow  
12 with each passing day, and the citizens of Texas are indeed proud of  
13 this accomplished native son; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby commend Kevin Fowler on his musical achievements  
16 and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued success and  
17 happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Fowler as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1203

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1203 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House