

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 406

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Austin in recognizing Margaret Perry for her 30 years of exemplary service in music education; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Perry is being honored at the third anniversary celebration on March 29, 2003, of the Armstrong Community Music School of the Austin Lyric Opera; she founded the school to provide broader access for all the community to the musical arts through performances and instruction in a variety of musical styles; she serves as the director of the school and is credited with its tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, Margaret was trained originally as a harpsichordist; she performed with Baroque music groups around Texas and served for several years as the pianist for the Houston Ballet; and

WHEREAS, She taught music in both public and private schools in the United States and Europe and maintained a private piano teaching practice in Austin for 28 years; she has lectured for many years to people of all ages on the lives of composers and on music history; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is active throughout the community, and she has served on boards of trustees for both performing arts and social service organizations; she has been the director of education for Austin Lyric Opera for the past 10 years, and she is chair of the Southwest Region for the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts; and

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WHEREAS, An exemplary and dedicated arts advocate, Margaret has contributed extensively to the field of music education and to the Austin community and this state, and in honor of her invaluable service and accomplishments, the Armstrong Community Music School is proclaiming March 29, 2003, Margaret Perry Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Margaret Perry for her many contributions to the arts and extend congratulations to her on the third anniversary of the founding of the Armstrong Community Music School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate