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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Popular country music recording artist and native
2 Texan Neal McCoy was named the recipient of the Humanitarian Award
3 at the 40th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards on May 17, 2005;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The first "fan-voted" award in the academy's
6 history, the Academy of Country Music/Home Depot Humanitarian Award
7 salutes an artist in the country music industry who is committed to
8 serving others and has a generosity of spirit and a dedication to
9 helping build the dreams of those in need; Mr. McCoy's fan club has
10 reported that he hopes to have a park built in the Spring Hill area
11 of Longview, the city where he and his family reside today; and

12 WHEREAS, More than a decade ago, Mr. McCoy and his wife,
13 Melinda, founded the East Texas Angel Network, which provides
14 financial support for families of children living with terminal or
15 life-threatening illnesses; the organization has raised more than
16 \$3 million to date and has thus far helped ease some of the
17 financial burden confronting more than 250 area families; Mr. McCoy
18 has also participated in eight USO tours in various regions of the
19 world where U.S. soldiers are serving, which encompassed two recent
20 tours in the Persian Gulf region and a visit to schoolchildren in
21 Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan was born and raised in
23 Jacksonville, where he first developed his love of music as a boy
24 watching entertainers perform on television and when the rodeo came

1 to town; he released his first record in 1990, and since his
2 breakout hit, "No Doubt About It," four years later, he has sold
3 more than five million copies of his albums, which include three
4 platinum and one gold, and has twice been voted TNN/Music City News
5 "Entertainer of the Year"; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the demands of a hugely successful career in
7 the music industry, Neal McCoy has taken the time to give back to
8 his fellow Texans and his fellow Americans across the globe, and
9 this prestigious award justly acknowledges his compassion and
10 commitment to making the world a better place; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
12 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Neal McCoy on being named
13 the 2005 Humanitarian of the Year at the 40th Annual Academy of
14 Country Music Awards and designate October 1, 2005, as Neal McCoy
15 Day in Texas in honor of his selfless service in behalf of those in
16 need; and, be it further

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