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H.R. No. 206

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of Jesse "Guitar" Taylor on March  
2 7, 2006, at the age of 55, Texas has lost a larger-than-life  
3 musician whose colossal talent was rivaled only by his great  
4 generosity of spirit; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Lubbock, Mr. Taylor was an apt heir to  
6 that city's rich musical heritage; he met C. B. "Stubb"  
7 Stubblefield when he was offered a ride by him while hitchhiking, an  
8 event that would signal the start of a long friendship and lead to  
9 storied jam sessions on Sunday afternoons at Stubb's; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor first gained widespread fame as the lead  
11 guitarist for the Joe Ely Band, and his fiery, inspired playing  
12 earned him the heartfelt admiration of such accomplished musicians  
13 as Keith Richards, Bonnie Raitt, and Stevie Ray Vaughan; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's imposing physical presence and past as  
15 a Golden Gloves boxer were offset by his sweetness of disposition,  
16 and although he could bring a quick halt to physical altercations  
17 when necessary, friends affectionately recall him as the gentlest  
18 of giants; and

19           WHEREAS, A free spirit throughout his life, Mr. Taylor was an  
20 inveterate rail rider well into his 30s, once hopping a freight on  
21 the spur of the moment during a break between his band's sets and  
22 riding from Austin all the way to San Antonio before disembarking;  
23 and

1           WHEREAS, Toward the end of his life, he took up the visual  
2 arts with the same verve and intensity that characterized his  
3 musicianship, and his vivid, multicolored pencil drawings were yet  
4 another expression of his enormous appetite for all that life had to  
5 offer him; and

6           WHEREAS, Jesse "Guitar" Taylor was a vital figure in the  
7 Texas music scene, and he will long be remembered for the colorful,  
8 remarkable artist that he was; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
11 Jesse "Guitar" Taylor and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
12 his family: to his sister, Kathy Taylor; to his brother, Timothy  
13 Fain; to his daughters, Nicole Taylor, Chelsea Taylor, and Carrie  
14 Young; to his niece, Cara Fain; to his grandsons, Taylor Peterkin  
15 and Lucas Butler; to his loving partner, Kim Elaine Stewart; and to  
16 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jesse  
20 "Guitar" Taylor.