

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Allen Wayne Damron of Terlingua on  
2 August 13, 2005, at the age of 66, deeply saddened the many fans of  
3 this talented and generous man; and

4           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Raymondville, Mr. Damron showed  
5 an aptitude for music at a young age and maintained his interest in  
6 performing throughout his life; he received his first guitar at the  
7 age of eight and began performing in public when he was in the fifth  
8 grade; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Damron's first professional appearance occurred  
10 at the age of 18 at Lon Morris College, where he earned an  
11 associate's degree in drama in 1959; he later received a bachelor's  
12 degree in psychology from The University of Texas at Austin; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Damron recorded his first album, a  
14 collaboration with Carol Hedin called *Two for the Show*; he spent the  
15 next several years working variously as a dive guide off South Padre  
16 Island and as a hired hand at Apache Ranch and L. L. Davis Ranch; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Damron's love for music and entertainment led to  
18 a job as host of a popular weekly television show and a nightly  
19 radio gig in the late 1960s; he later owned and managed the  
20 Chequered Flag in Austin, a seminal venue that played host to such  
21 luminaries as Janis Joplin, Nanci Griffith, and Jerry Jeff Walker  
22 and gave birth to the famed "Austin sound" that helped define that  
23 musical era; he also managed the Rubiayat in Dallas and was the  
24 cofounder and first director of the Kerrville Folk Festival; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1986, the Texas Legislature recognized his  
2 pioneering work in Texas music when they named Mr. Damron a  
3 "goodwill ambassador to the world"; a decade later, he released his  
4 first compact disc, entitled *35 Years*, and in 1998 he was featured  
5 on the television program "The All You Can Eat Texas Music Café";  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The many accomplishments and achievements of Allen  
8 Wayne Damron run the entertainment gamut, from acting to  
9 songwriting to storytelling, and his legacy of success in all his  
10 undertakings gained him the great respect of audiences across the  
11 state and around the world; more important, however, is the  
12 integrity and enthusiasm that characterized all that he did, for  
13 those qualities were essential to his life and work; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
16 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
17 Allen Wayne Damron and extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Marie,  
18 to his other family members, Mona Sizer, Esther Damron, Jack  
19 Damron, Denise Bindell, A. Y. Damron, and Mildred Hearn, and to his  
20 many friends; and, be it further

21           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Allen Wayne  
24 Damron.

Gallego

Craddick	Giddings	McReynolds
Allen	Gonzales	Menendez
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Merritt
Anchia	Goodman	Miller
Anderson	Goolsby	Moreno
Bailey	Griggs	Morrison
Berman	Grusendorf	Mowery
Blake	Guillen	Naishtat
Bohac	Haggerty	Nixon
Bonnen	Hamilton	Noriega
Branch	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Kaufman	Hardcastle	Olivo
Brown of Brazos	Harper-Brown	Orr
Burnam	Hartnett	Otto
Callegari	Hegar	Paxton
Campbell	Hernandez	Pena
Casteel	Herrero	Phillips
Castro	Hilderbran	Pickett
Chavez	Hill	Pitts
Chisum	Hochberg	Puente
Coleman	Hodge	Quintanilla
Cook of Navarro	Homer	Raymond
Cook of Colorado	Hope	Reyna
Corte	Hopson	Riddle
Crabb	Howard of Fort Bend	Ritter
Crownover	Howard of Travis	Rodriguez
Davis of Harris	Hughes	Rose
Davis of Dallas	Hunter	Seaman
Dawson	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Delisi	Isett	Smith of Harris
Denny	Jackson	Smithee
Deshotel	Jones of Lubbock	Solis
Driver	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Dukes	Keel	Strama
Dunnam	Keffer of Dallas	Straus
Dutton	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Edwards	King of Parker	Talton
Eiland	King of Zavala	Taylor
Eissler	Kolkhorst	Thompson
Elkins	Krusee	Truitt
England	Kuempel	Turner
Escobar	Laney	Uresti
Farabee	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Farrar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Flores	Luna	Villarreal
Flynn	Madden	Vo
Frost	Martinez	West
Gallego	Martinez Fischer	Wong
Gattis	McCall	Woolley
Geren	McClendon	Zedler

H.R. No. 363

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 363 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2006.

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Chief Clerk of the House