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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 18, 2006, the composer of "When I'm
2 Sixty-Four" will celebrate his 64th birthday, and it is fitting at
3 this time to pay tribute to Sir Paul McCartney, considered by many
4 to be the single most successful and influential musician in the
5 history of pop music; and

6 WHEREAS, Born James Paul McCartney in Liverpool, England, in
7 1942, Sir Paul is well known to the world as a member of the Beatles,
8 whose thrilling and distinctive approach to rock and roll has
9 shaped the course of popular culture since they burst onto the music
10 scene; and

11 WHEREAS, The group's enduring appeal may be gauged by the
12 fact that with the release of the *Anthology* series of 1995 and 1996,
13 the Beatles scored three number-one albums in the United States in
14 one year, a feat that had last been achieved three decades
15 earlier--by the Beatles; and

16 WHEREAS, Having set new standards of excellence and
17 originality with his songwriting for the Beatles, Mr. McCartney
18 went on to further artistic and commercial triumphs as a solo artist
19 and with his own band, Wings; securing his position as the most
20 successful popular-music composer of all time, he was voted the
21 Composer of the Millennium in a poll conducted by the British
22 Broadcasting Corporation, and his 1965 hit "Yesterday" is widely
23 acknowledged as the most recorded song in music history; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. McCartney's unrivaled gifts as a musician and

1 composer are well matched by his great generosity of spirit and
2 dedication to the greater good; knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in
3 1996 for his many achievements, he has lent his time and talent to
4 such worthwhile endeavors as Live Aid, the Liverpool Institute for
5 the Performing Arts, the Rye Memorial Health Center in Sussex,
6 Adopt a Landmine United Kingdom, Recording Artists Against Drunk
7 Driving, and an all-star concert he staged in the wake of the
8 attacks of 9/11 to honor New York City firefighters, police
9 officers, and emergency workers, which raised tens of millions of
10 dollars for the victims' families; and

11 WHEREAS, On the long and winding road to his 64th birthday,
12 Sir Paul McCartney has earned our admiration and respect as one of
13 the world's singular musical talents and as a thoughtful and
14 engaged citizen of the world; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Sir Paul McCartney
17 when he's 64 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
18 success and happiness; and, be it further

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