

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2006 marks the 20th anniversary of the  
2 Veterans Band of Corpus Christi, providing an ideal opportunity to  
3 recognize this notable group; and

4           WHEREAS, Organized in 1986 by Ram Chavez, a Vietnam veteran  
5 and band director in the Corpus Christi Independent School  
6 District, the group started with 23 members who shared Mr. Chavez's  
7 determination to add to the solemnity and majesty of patriotic  
8 events by providing live music; and

9           WHEREAS, Through the years, the members of the band have  
10 performed at an array of official functions, including the American  
11 Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., a  
12 welcome home celebration for troops of Desert Storm, and the  
13 Inaugural Parade of Texas Governor Ann Richards; moreover, their  
14 skill and dedication have earned them a host of accolades and the  
15 distinction of being Corpus Christi's official city band; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, the ensemble features a diverse group of  
17 musicians whose service records range from World War II to active  
18 duty; the current roster also includes eight Purple Heart  
19 recipients and represents all the major branches of the U.S.  
20 military; and

21           WHEREAS, Our state and nation are profoundly indebted to  
22 those brave individuals who make personal sacrifices for the  
23 defense of our nation, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor this  
24 fine group of veterans, not only for their years of military

1 service, but also for their continued patriotism and civic  
2 contributions; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ram Chavez and  
5 the current and former members of the Veterans Band of Corpus  
6 Christi on the band's 20th anniversary and extend to them best  
7 wishes for the future; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the Veterans Band as an expression of high regard by  
10 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 692

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 692 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House