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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.