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H.R. No. 752

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Stephen Anthony Coffman on May
2 8, 2006, at the age of 53, the Lone Star State has lost a distinctive
3 broadcasting talent and an enthusiastic champion of Texas music,
4 and we join his family and many admirers in mourning their loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 9, 1952, in Waco, Steve Coffman was
6 exposed to a wide range of music from an early age, and his career as
7 a radio disc jockey began in Jacksonville while he was still a
8 student at nearby Stephen F. Austin State University; and

9 WHEREAS, It was at KAFM in Dallas that he first developed his
10 unique "Texas radio" format, which showcased the infinite variety
11 of Texas music by juxtaposing such styles as Texas swing,
12 rockabilly, blues, jazz, and coastal music; and

13 WHEREAS, He continued to refine and explore the state's rich
14 musical heritage at stations throughout Texas, and in 1999 he
15 brought his unique sensibility to KTXN in Victoria, where his
16 "Coffee with Coffman" morning show remained a programming mainstay
17 until his passing; and

18 WHEREAS, His love of his profession was such that he
19 continued to broadcast even after he became ill, moving and
20 inspiring his colleagues with his dedication; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Steve Coffman shared his deep
22 love of music with friends and fans across Texas, and in so doing,
23 he himself came to be a vital contributor to the state's rich
24 musical history; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Stephen Anthony Coffman and extend sincere sympathy to the members
4 of his family: to his wife of 24 years, Vicky Zapp Coffman; to his
5 children, Stephen Anthony Coffman, Jr., and Mary Rose Coffman; to
6 his brother, John H. Coffman III; to his sisters, Janean Coffman
7 Carey and Rosanne Coffman Johnson; and to his other relatives and
8 many friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve
12 Coffman.