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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Floyd Weger, an esteemed resident of Paris, passed  
2 away on November 13, 2003, at the age of 90, leaving behind many  
3 happy memories for those who were privileged to share in the life of  
4 this vibrant member of the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Colbert, Oklahoma, Mr. Weger attended  
6 Southeastern State College in Durant and studied trombone at  
7 Colorado State University, receiving a master's degree; in 1941,  
8 after completing his studies at the Julliard School of Music in New  
9 York, he came to Paris with his wife, Irene, who preceded him in  
10 death; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Weger conducted Paris school bands until his  
12 retirement in 1978, excluding three years of service in the U.S. Air  
13 Force during World War II, and he continued to serve the community  
14 as director of the Paris Municipal Band until 2000; during his  
15 tenure with the Paris school system, he guided his bands to some 50  
16 superior ratings in UIL and Tri-States Festival competitions; and

17           WHEREAS, Numerous other honors and awards were lavished on  
18 Mr. Weger's bands, including an invitation to play at the 1962  
19 Mideast Bandmasters Association meeting in Pittsburgh and  
20 selection as the guest honor band at the 1964 Four-States  
21 Bandmasters Association meeting in Texarkana; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Weger twice chaired the regional UIL competition  
23 and also conducted several notable music clinics at the former East  
24 Texas State University and Stephen F. Austin State University; he

1 was a member of the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and a former  
2 Rotarian, and his community endeavors helped to earn him the 1949  
3 Distinguished Service Award from the Paris Jaycees; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1973, Paris ISD officials named the high school's  
5 music building the Weger Fine Arts Building, a fitting tribute to  
6 the couple's many years as music teachers in the Paris area; and

7 WHEREAS, Twenty years later, Mr. Weger and his wife were  
8 selected by the Paris Education Foundation to receive the "I Love  
9 Paris" gala award; more than \$60,000 was raised in the name of this  
10 remarkable couple for the establishment of the Floyd and Irene  
11 Weger Scholarship Fund; moreover, the Wegers were honored that day  
12 with a mayoral proclamation announcing Floyd and Irene Weger Day in  
13 Paris; and

14 WHEREAS, Floyd Weger was a man of great talent, dedication,  
15 and community spirit, and although his passing has left a void in  
16 the lives of all who knew and loved him, his legacy will remain  
17 strong for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby pay tribute to the life of Floyd Weger and extend deepest  
20 sympathy to his children, Jean Ann Larson and Steve Weger, and to  
21 his other relatives, his many friends, and his numerous former  
22 students; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
26 Floyd Weger.