

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Nine decades of living a productive and satisfying  
2 life is truly a reason for celebration, and on February 26, 2005,  
3 Alwana Vaughan, affectionately known as Graham's Ambassador of  
4 Music, is observing this significant milestone; and

5           WHEREAS, The delightful nonagenarian can claim as her  
6 grandfather John Henderson Wood, an Indian scout, Texas Ranger, and  
7 brick maker whose fine work may be seen today in a number of  
8 buildings still in use along the streets of Graham; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Vaughan and her husband, Lilburn, enjoyed a  
10 rewarding marriage for 58 years, until his passing, and although  
11 she had no children of her own, she has been adored by countless  
12 young people who took music lessons from her or benefited from her  
13 support of school activities; and

14           WHEREAS, Never a shrinking violet, Mrs. Vaughan is an  
15 accomplished performer who readily took to the stage early on, and  
16 her impressive talents, in addition to piano playing, included  
17 singing on a radio show, winning a Charleston contest, and  
18 conducting the Graham Toy Symphony Band; and

19           WHEREAS, For 31 years, this generous soul enthusiastically  
20 shared her passion for music by teaching boys and girls of all  
21 aptitude levels; the respect and encouragement she gave each  
22 student surely fostered not only music appreciation but  
23 self-confidence and larger life lessons, as well; and

24           WHEREAS, Since retiring in 1976, Mrs. Vaughan has continued

1 to be involved with student council endeavors and musical  
2 productions at Graham High School, where she is an honorary member  
3 of the GHS Thespian Society and the band, and has volunteered as  
4 musical director and choreographer of the thespians' All-American  
5 Girl Pageant for three decades; and

6 WHEREAS, Her musical talent has enhanced a host of local  
7 events, including the city's centennial celebration in 1972, a  
8 plethora of weddings and funerals, the Rotary Follies, events  
9 sponsored by the chamber of commerce, the Lady Lions and Kiwanis  
10 clubs, the First Baptist Church, of which she has been a member for  
11 77 years, and the First United Methodist Church, and a multitude of  
12 luncheons; and

13 WHEREAS, An honorary Rotarian and organizer of the local  
14 chapter of the National Society of the Children of the American  
15 Revolution, Mrs. Vaughan is a 50-year member of the Daughters of the  
16 American Revolution and a charter member of the Graham Hospital  
17 Auxiliary and the Graham Concert Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Recognized for her immeasurable contributions to  
19 her fellow residents of Graham, Mrs. Vaughan has deservedly  
20 received many accolades, including a 2000 Hero for Children Award  
21 presented for her donation of time and talents to education, and two  
22 Outstanding Citizen awards by the Graham Chamber of Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, Alwana Vaughan exemplifies the virtues of  
24 generosity, dedication, and community spirit, and it is a distinct  
25 pleasure to join in honoring her; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby heartily congratulate Alwana Vaughan on her 90th

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1 birthday and commend her for her exceptional contributions to her  
2 community; and, be it further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mrs. Vaughan as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 377 was adopted by the House on  
February 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House