

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Wilson and Mr. Samuel Cook of Abilene were
2 program participants at the Texas Prayer Breakfast program in
3 Austin, Texas, on February 17, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson presented a moving rendition of "Just a
5 Closer Walk With Thee" as a master tenor saxophone artist and Mr.
6 Cook offered a magnificent solo rendition of "The Lord's Prayer";
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8 WHEREAS, They each received the accolades of more than 600
9 state officials and other special guests including the governor of
10 Texas, the speaker of the house, and members of the Texas Senate and
11 House of Representatives; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson is a renowned saxophonist who is married
13 to the lovely Lynette Wilson; he is currently the director of bands
14 and associate professor of conducting and saxophone at Abilene
15 Christian University, which includes conducting ACU's "Big Purple"
16 Marching Band and Wind Ensemble; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson has performed with the Detroit Symphony
18 Orchestra, San Antonio Symphony, Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, San
19 Angelo Symphony, and Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, among others;
20 he has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts,
21 Texas Commission on the Arts, Abilene Cultural Affairs Council,
22 Vienna Modern Masters International Recording Competition, and
23 various other honors, and he has recently released his first solo
24 album, *Near to the Heart of God*; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook is a renowned operatic and concert vocalist
2 who is married to the lovely Jean Cook; he attended the Peabody
3 Conservatory of Music and is currently an associate professor of
4 voice and artist-in-residence at Abilene Christian University; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has performed with the Western Opera
6 Theater; the State Opera of Kassel in Kassel, Germany; the New
7 Orleans Opera; and the Abilene Opera; and has won numerous
8 prestigious international voice competitions, including first
9 prizes in Francisco Vines, in Barcelona, Spain; Francisco Andrade,
10 in Porto, Portugal; and Metropolitan Opera competition; and third
11 prize in Munich's international music competition; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize Dr. Eric Wilson and Mr. Samuel Cook
15 for sharing their outstanding musical talents as program
16 participants at the Texas Prayer Breakfast on February 17, 2005;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Dr. Wilson and Mr. Cook as an expression of high regard
20 from the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 395

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 395 was adopted by the House on
February 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House