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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 the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, among
20 others; he has received awards from the National Endowment for the
21 Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, Abilene Cultural Affairs
22 Council, Vienna Modern Masters International Recording
23 Competition, and various other honors; and he has recently released
24 his first solo 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; the Abilene Opera; and has won numerous prestigious
8 international voice competitions, including first prizes in
9 Francisco Vines, in Barcelona, Spain; Francisco Andrade, in Porto,
10 Portugal; Metropolitan Opera competition; and third prize in
11 Munich's international music competition; now, therefore, be it

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

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