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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century Carol Ann Nelson of Austin
2 has served the young musicians of McCallum High School as their band
3 director, and to commemorate her 25th anniversary she is being
4 honored by an admiring circle of current and former students,
5 assistant directors, faculty colleagues, and friends at a special
6 celebration on April 2, 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas, where she
8 earned her bachelor's degree in music education and her master's in
9 applied conducting, Ms. Nelson began her exceptional career at
10 McCallum in 1980 as the assistant band director; she assumed the
11 directorship the following year and today she further serves her
12 school as the fine arts department chair and as the co-director of
13 McCallum's orchestra; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Ms. Nelson's exceptional direction, McCallum
15 students have repeatedly won placement with honor bands, including
16 the UIL All-State Band and the Texas Music Educators Association
17 All-State Band and All-State Jazz Band, have received Best in Class
18 ratings at a host of music festivals, and have earned the privilege
19 of performing at New York City's legendary Carnegie Hall on three
20 separate occasions; moreover, many of her young charges have gone
21 on to enjoy careers in both music and music education, a true
22 testament to her inspiring leadership; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to her service to McCallum, Ms. Nelson
24 has shared her talents with her community by directing choirs at

1 both Faith Lutheran Church and Gethsemane Lutheran Church and by
2 serving as musical director for two locally produced musicals,
3 garnering a B. Iden Payne nomination for Best Musical Director in
4 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of Phi Beta Mu, Texas Music Educators
6 Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Tau Beta Sigma, she was the
7 recipient of McCallum's Teacher of the Year and 'M' awards, as well
8 as the 2004-2005 UIL Sponsor Excellence Award and the KEYE Silver
9 Apple Award; and

10 WHEREAS, An inspiration to all who are privileged to know
11 her, Carol Nelson has greatly benefited McCallum students with her
12 passion, talent, and leadership, and it is indeed a pleasure to join
13 in honoring her at this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Carol Ann Nelson on her many
16 professional accomplishments and commend her for her 25 years of
17 outstanding service to McCallum High School; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Ms. Nelson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.