

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Nelson, esteemed music educator,
2 singing teacher, and illustrious singer who, in his 48-year
3 teaching career, has taught students from elementary school through
4 university and sung with more than 70 symphony orchestras in 49
5 states and 15 foreign countries, and who, in 1993, while Artist in
6 Residence at Abilene Christian University, was recognized by
7 Governor Ann Richards, invited to perform at the Governor's
8 Mansion, and commended for his outstanding musical career; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson has compiled and edited a tribute to the
10 notable musicians and teachers listed below, entitled Lest We
11 Forget, which includes biographies and letters of tribute from
12 hundreds of students who have directly benefited from those great
13 mentors; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Wilfred C. Bain; Dr. Ewell Porter; Mrs. Julia
15 Dean Evans; Mr. Frank McKinley; Mr. Michael F. Johnstone; Mr. Gene
16 Kenney; Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch; Mr. A. M. (Al) Autrey; Dr. B. R. (Bev)
17 Henson; Dr. Ruth Whitlock; and Dr. Hugh Sanders--a pantheon of
18 Texas choral directors, who, through their extraordinary devotion
19 to musical excellence in choral singing, distinguished themselves
20 by inspiring a myriad of talented students to dedicate their lives
21 to the promotion and performance of choral art; and

22 WHEREAS, Their dedication has resulted in the extraordinary
23 growth of the Vocal Division of the Texas Music Educators
24 Association and the establishment of the Texas Choral Directors

1 Association, whose eminence is heralded nationally and
2 internationally, bringing attention and honor to the State of
3 Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Dan Wood, executive director of the Texas Choral
5 Director's Association, and the administrative board of that
6 organization officially recognized Lest We Forget at their state
7 convention in San Antonio in July 2004; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature commend the outstanding work of those above named, and
10 Dr. Nelson for recording their teaching prowess and bringing them
11 to the attention of this body, the teaching profession of the State
12 of Texas, and the general public; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Dr. Nelson, his family, and his friends as an
15 expression of high regard from the Texas House of Representatives
16 and that a copy of Lest We Forget be placed in the Official Texas
17 State Archives.

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H.R. No. 1401

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1401 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House