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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, sung with more than 70 symphony orchestras in 49 states  
5 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 teacher listed above, 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 Texas  
18 choral directors, who, through their extraordinary devotion to  
19 musical excellence in choral singing, distinguished themselves by  
20 inspiring a myriad of talented students to dedicate their lives to  
21 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 commends 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 to 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 expression  
15 of high regard from the Texas House of Representatives and that a  
16 copy of Lest We Forget be placed in the Official Texas State  
17 Archives.