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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the James Bowie High School Outdoor
2 Performing Ensemble of Austin achieved an impressive success by
3 winning the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship held in Phoenix
4 on December 30, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, With a program entitled "Mysteries of the Fifth
6 Sun," featuring the music of Alberto Ginesteria, the band bested
7 schools from around the country to be named "Grandmaster
8 Sweepstakes Champion"; moreover, the impressive showing earned
9 recognition for "Best Visual Performance," "Best Music
10 Performance," and "Best Marching Performance" as well as top honors
11 in the Fiesta Bowl Parade the following day; and

12 WHEREAS, The victory in Phoenix was especially poignant as
13 the students were mourning the sudden loss of band member Robert
14 Plumlee, who died only two days before the contest; deciding to
15 proceed with competition in memory of Robert, the ensemble showed
16 great poise and maturity in the face of tragedy; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to their latest accomplishment, this
18 talented group of musicians have well represented their school at a
19 host of competitions, placing in state and national contests,
20 consistently achieving first division ratings, and earning spots in
21 the Texas All-State and All-Region bands; the band also won first
22 place at the 2004 Bands of America contest held in Huntsville; and

23 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of director Bruce Dinkins
24 and his assistants, Cathy Bennett, Mike Elam, and Andrew Polk, the

1 James Bowie High School Outdoor Performing Ensemble exemplifies the
2 qualities of commitment and perseverance necessary for excellence,
3 and it is a genuine pleasure to recognize the band members and their
4 leaders for this recent achievement; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with the James
7 Bowie High School Outdoor Performing Ensemble for winning the 2004
8 Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship and extend to them sincere
9 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the band as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.