

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas is well-known for the excellence of its  
2 musical offerings and the talent of its musicians, and for the past  
3 46 years, Beto Leal of Kingsville has greatly added to this proud  
4 tradition; and

5           WHEREAS, "El Maestro" formed the Beto Leal Orchestra in 1964  
6 in Kingsville, where the group has since become a beloved musical  
7 institution; and

8           WHEREAS, Through the years, more than 80 musicians have  
9 shared the stage with Mr. Leal as part of his ensemble, and his  
10 far-reaching influence is the result of both his considerable  
11 expertise and his wise mentorship of the young people who have  
12 mastered their craft under his tutelage; and

13           WHEREAS, He continues to share his enthusiasm for  
14 music-making in his role as a guitar teacher to high school  
15 students, and in appropriate tribute to his ongoing stewardship of  
16 developing talent, the Beto Leal Music Achievement Scholarship is  
17 awarded to deserving music students at Texas A&M University at  
18 Kingsville; and

19           WHEREAS, In dedicating his time to performing and passing on  
20 his musical knowledge to many young people, Beto Leal has  
21 distinguished himself as a musician of great renown who is making a  
22 significant contribution to the rich and distinctive musical  
23 traditions that have shaped the culture of the Lone Star State; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby honor Beto Leal for his remarkable work as the  
3   founder and leader of the Beto Leal Orchestra and commend him for  
4   his ongoing efforts in behalf of those who hope to follow in his  
5   footsteps; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for Mr. Leal as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8   House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2097

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2097 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House