

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 293

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to musician Butch Miles, an Austin resident whose accomplishments as a drummer continue to attract worldwide attention; and

WHEREAS, Butch was born in Ironton, Ohio, on July 4, 1944; he grew up in West Virginia and earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State College; he started playing the snare drum in his school band at the age of nine and became interested in playing the drumset at 14; he was soon playing with dance bands, and his first big break came in 1971 when he started playing with Mel Torme's band; and

WHEREAS, Currently touring with the legendary Count Basie Orchestra, Butch has played at every major jazz festival around the world, including the Newport Jazz Festival in New York, the Grande Parade du Jazz in Nice, and the Bern Jazz Festival; he has recorded over 100 albums and has played on three Grammy Award winning albums; and

WHEREAS, Butch has performed with many prominent jazz artists and luminaries, such as Frank Sinatra, Dave Brubeck, Ella Fitzgerald, and Benny Goodman; he has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "The Merv Griffin Show," and the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and in a number of films; and

WHEREAS, Butch honed his skills listening to his first drum idol, Gene Krupa; he cites Count Basie drummer Sonny Payne as a major influence on his style, which combines technical mastery with creative finesse and blends the maturity of experience with youthful imagination and limitless energy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Butch Miles for his accomplishments as a drummer and extend to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 3, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate