

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 358

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Matt Wilson, a highly talented pianist and vocalist, who is currently on tour with the smash hit musical *Movin' Out*; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt was born in 1973, and is a 1996 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin; like many other Texas performers, he began his career by singing in the church where his father was pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, He was employed by Walt Disney World, where he performed to packed houses five nights a week for two years; by the time he was performing for Walt Disney World, he had already spent more than 10 years playing and singing professionally; and

**WHEREAS**, From 1998 to 2003, Matt toured from the Pacific Northwest to the East Coast and opened for such bands as the Little River Band and Hall and Oates; he and his band also performed at the Olympic Games in Australia in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, He formed Matt Wilson Entertainment in 2002, and he has completed two compact disc recordings, *Loose Gravel* and *Tambourine Girl*; Matt has experienced working with such notables as producer Crystal Taliefero and Grammy award-winning producer Spencer Starnes; and

**WHEREAS**, After several rounds of nationwide open-call auditions, Matt landed the role as pianist and vocalist for the two-time Tony Award winning Broadway musical *Movin' Out*, which has been touring since January of 2004; while on tour with *Movin' Out*, he will be working on his third compact disc; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt has firmly established his credentials as an

outstanding performing artist, and he deserves legislative recognition for his exceptional talent and accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Matt Wilson for his notable achievements 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 7, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate