

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 876

WHEREAS, The members of the James Bowie High School Outdoor Performing Ensemble of Austin achieved great renown by winning the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship held in Phoenix on December 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, With a program entitled "Mysteries of the Fifth Sun," featuring the music of Alberto Ginestera, the band bested schools from around the country to earn the Grand Master Award; moreover, the impressive showing earned the band recognition for "Best Visual Performance," "Best Music Performance," and "Best General Effect," as well as top honors in the Fiesta Bowl Parade the following day; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the band as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate