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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Austin is home to *The Biscuit Brothers*, an
2 award-winning music education television show for children now in
3 its second season; and

4 WHEREAS, Created by Damon Brown, Allen Robertson, and Jerome
5 Scholar, the half-hour program features a combination of
6 live-action, animation, and puppetry in its depiction of the antics
7 of Buford and Dusty Biscuit, played by Mr. Robertson and Mr.
8 Scholar, respectively; the brothers, who are said to be field
9 hands on Old McDonald's Musical Farm, initiate sing-alongs, play
10 instruments ranging from banjos to bongos, tell riddles, and engage
11 in games as they introduce a variety of musical concepts and life
12 lessons; the program also includes regular appearances by
13 Buttermilk Biscuit, their sister, played by Jill Leberknight, and
14 Tiny Scarecrow, a puppet played by Mr. Brown, who also serves as the
15 show's director; in addition, Willie Nelson provides narration and
16 Austin musicians often appear as guests; and

17 WHEREAS, *The Biscuit Brothers* is broadcast by Austin PBS
18 affiliate KLRU and airs on some 20 PBS stations around the country;
19 shot on location at the Scottish Rite Theatre and at Pioneer Farms,
20 the nonprofit show has received funding from supporters in the
21 community, as well as from Scott and White Health Care; in October
22 2006, it was awarded a Lone Star EMMY for excellence in
23 children/youth television programming, and the following month,
24 Whole Foods Markets sponsored the first annual Save the Biscuits

1 Event, which raised money for future productions; and

2 WHEREAS, Known for encouraging their young fans to "go make
3 music," The Biscuit Brothers have also performed in more than 100
4 free concerts around the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Through its promotion of music appreciation,
6 self-expression, and cooperation, *The Biscuit Brothers* contributes
7 meaningful and worthwhile content to the field of children's
8 television programming as it entertains audiences across the
9 country; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commend *The Biscuit Brothers* for its quality children's
12 programming and extend to Damon Brown, Allen Robertson, Jerome
13 Scholar, and Jill Leberknight sincere best wishes for continued
14 success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the show's creators and cast as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.