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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Aaron Barker is a participant in the Texas  
2 Songwriter Showcase taking place February 21, 2007, in Austin, and  
3 this event provides an opportunity to reflect on his remarkable  
4 success in the country music industry; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio, Aaron Barker began his music  
6 career in a variety band when he was 13 years old; he later tried his  
7 hand at songwriting, and his first attempt, "Baby Blue," was  
8 recorded by George Strait in 1988 and went to number one on the  
9 Billboard charts; and

10           WHEREAS, Playing in small clubs and cafes, Mr. Barker worked  
11 at refining his songwriting skills and wrote another hit for George  
12 Strait; this time, his song "Love Without End, Amen" remained at the  
13 top spot on the Billboard charts for five consecutive weeks, and  
14 more success was on the way; he penned the hit songs "Easy Come,  
15 Easy Go," "I'd Like To Have That One Back," "I Know She Still Loves  
16 Me," and "I Can Still Make Cheyenne" for George Strait, "Watch This"  
17 for Clay Walker, "Love Happens Like That" for Neal McCoy, "I'm  
18 Leavin'" for Aaron Tippin, and "What About Now" for Lonestar; and

19           WHEREAS, Finding success beyond the music charts, Mr. Barker  
20 produced a gift book about his smash hit "Love Without End, Amen,"  
21 which explored the timeless theme of unconditional love between  
22 parent and child; the book included an introduction by George  
23 Strait and an accompanying CD of the song; Mr. Barker also wrote and  
24 sang a number of Blue Bell Ice Cream commercial spots, revealing his

1   knack for creating advertising jingles; and

2           WHEREAS, Aaron Barker's songs are reflections of his own  
3   experiences as well as those of people he has known, and the  
4   compositions reflect his talent for conveying honesty and heartfelt  
5   emotion; he has established himself as a songwriter of remarkable  
6   depth and power, and it is a pleasure to feature him in this  
7   performance of Texas songsmiths; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9   hereby honor Aaron Barker for being part of the Texas Songwriter  
10   Showcase and commend him for bringing further acclaim to the  
11   illustrious musical reputation of the Lone Star State; and, be it  
12   further

13           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14   prepared for Mr. Barker as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15   House of Representatives and Senate.