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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A proud son of the Lone Star State, Richie McDonald
2 has achieved significant success as a writer and performer of
3 country songs, and he is being featured in the Texas Songwriter
4 Showcase taking place February 21, 2007, in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald has become well known to country fans
6 as the lead singer of the band Lonestar, which formed in the early
7 1990s; true to its name, the group is made up of Texas natives and,
8 in Richie McDonald's case, home was originally Lubbock, a town that
9 has bred many legendary musicians; he began singing and writing
10 songs while in high school and later moved to Dallas, where he sang
11 with the band Showdown; intent on a career in music, he next
12 relocated to Nashville, where he and the other members of Lonestar
13 joined forces; and

14 WHEREAS, Since issuing their first album in 1995, the band
15 has reeled off a string of number one hits, and Richie McDonald's
16 songwriting has been a big part of its success; often collaborating
17 with veteran country songsmiths, he cowrote many of the group's
18 best-known hits, including "My Front Porch Looking In,"
19 "Everything's Changed," "Mr. Mom," and "Let's Be Us Again"; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald's song craft is highly respected by his
21 peers in the industry; his composition "I'm Already There" was
22 named the 2002 Song of the Year at the Broadcast Music, Inc.,
23 Country Awards, and he earned a Songwriter of the Year honor from
24 BMI in 2006; his abilities have also been appreciated by recording

1 artists such as John Michael Montgomery, Clay Walker, and Sara
2 Evans, who have recorded his compositions; and

3 WHEREAS, In creating his tunes, Richie McDonald often focuses
4 on moving stories drawn from everyday life and on relaying
5 heartfelt sentiments that come from his own experiences and those
6 of his friends and family; these tales have won favor from country
7 fans all across the country, and his presence is a welcome addition
8 to this special performance of Texas writers; now, therefore, be it

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

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