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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Creating a hit song that catches the ears and
2 captures the hearts of music lovers is a momentous accomplishment
3 that is realized by few songwriters; and

4 WHEREAS, Elliott Park of Clyde achieved that illustrious goal
5 by cowriting "I Loved Her First," which climbed to the number one
6 spot on the country music charts in October 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, A commercial artist and a member of the school board
8 for the Clyde Consolidated Independent School District, Elliott
9 Park spent years honing his musical talents and has been affiliated
10 with the Extreme Writers Group music publishing company in
11 Nashville since 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Park had the initial inspiration for "I Loved
13 Her First" in the early 2000s and brought the song to completion
14 with the help of cowriter Walt Aldridge; recorded by the band
15 Heartland, this recollection of a father's bittersweet sentiments
16 on his daughter's wedding day has won favor from country music fans
17 all across the country; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas has been home to a long list of successful
19 country music performers and songwriters, and in creating this
20 popular hit, Elliott Park has proven himself a talented and
21 inspired craftsman who has brought further acclaim to the musical
22 legacy of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Elliott Park for cowriting the

1 number one hit, "I Loved Her First," and extend to him best wishes
2 for further songwriting success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Park as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.