

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Musicians, music fans, and activists are joining
2 forces to address a critical issue at the Roky Erickson Ice Cream
3 Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert, which is taking place March 15,
4 2007, at Threadgill's World Headquarters in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored in part by the Coalition for the Abolition
6 of Electroshock in Texas, this event focuses attention on the use of
7 electroshock or electroconvulsive therapy as a form of psychiatric
8 treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, The concert features an impressive lineup of
10 performers from Texas and other states, including rock legend Roky
11 Erickson, who first made his name as a member of the influential
12 1960s band the 13th Floor Elevators; a fitting headliner for this
13 consciousness-raising event, Roky Erickson was subjected to
14 electroshock treatments while committed to a state hospital in the
15 late 1960s and early 1970s; and

16 WHEREAS, Also appearing will be J. T. Van Zandt, the son of
17 the late Townes Van Zandt, a famous Texas songwriter who, likewise,
18 underwent electroconvulsive therapy; well-known Austin artist Jim
19 Franklin is another electroshock survivor and has designed the
20 poster for the Rock to Ban Shock Concert; and

21 WHEREAS, Texas is a state that has produced many great
22 musicians, and it is also blessed with a population that takes a
23 keen interest in issues of social importance; the Roky Erickson Ice
24 Cream Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert is an exciting mix of music

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1 and public expression that promises to be an engaging, educational,
2 and inspiring gathering for all; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the Roky Erickson Ice Cream
5 Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert and extend best wishes to the
6 participants and performers for a successful and enjoyable event;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the organizers as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 601 was adopted by the House on March 14, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House