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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

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.