

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly a quarter of a century, the Young Texas
2 Artists Music Competition in Conroe has contributed to the
3 development of gifted young vocalists and musicians while also
4 offering area citizens a remarkable opportunity to enjoy a host of
5 memorable performances; and

6 WHEREAS, Created in 1983 by the Montgomery County Performing
7 Arts Society (MCPAS) and designed for singers and musicians from 18
8 to 30 years of age who either are residents of Texas or attend Texas
9 music schools, this event draws a stunning array of talent for
10 competition in one of six divisions: piano, voice, strings, winds,
11 brass, and percussion; contestants are evaluated by a panel of
12 distinguished judges--men and women who have won national and
13 international acclaim in their respective music disciplines; and

14 WHEREAS, The first two days of competition are free and open
15 to the public, while the final round, which takes place in the
16 historic Crighton Theatre in Conroe, forms part of the MCPAS
17 regular season; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to vying for the title of Young Texas
19 Artist, contestants compete for cash prizes, which in 2007 totaled
20 more than \$16,000, and for opportunities to perform with the Conroe
21 Symphony Orchestra, Montgomery County Choral Society, and The
22 Living Opera of Richardson, as well as to give a recital in Zilkha
23 Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts in Houston; and

24 WHEREAS, Alumni of the competition have gone on to achieve

1 notable success: they have secured places in such groups as the
2 Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra in Florida and the United States
3 Marine Band, "The President's Own," in Washington, D.C., and
4 performed on stages from the El Paso Opera and Laredo Philharmonic
5 to the Houston Grand Opera and Broadway; former participants have
6 also garnered the Sir Georg Solti Foundation scholarship and
7 numerous other grants, won the Jacques Samuel Intercollegiate Piano
8 Competition, and been nominated for three Grammy awards; and

9 WHEREAS, The Young Texas Artists Music Competition enjoys a
10 long tradition of encouraging excellence in young musicians and
11 fostering high artistic standards among area citizens; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the Young Texas Artists Music Competition
15 in Conroe for its significant contributions to the cultural
16 vitality of the Lone Star State.

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H.R. No. 892

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 892 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House