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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 are either residents of Texas or who attend  
9 Texas 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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1 Honoring the Young Texas Artists Music Competition in Conroe.