

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A Texan who understands the honky-tonk heart of
2 country music and sings it sweet and true, Sunny Sweeney is
3 celebrating the major-label release of her debut album,
4 *Heartbreaker's Hall of Fame*; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised in Longview, among the East Texas pines that
6 she mentions in one of her rousing songs, Sunny Sweeney first heard
7 Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, and other legendary singers of
8 traditional country music while growing up; the beautiful cry of a
9 steel guitar and the solemn truth of a heartfelt tune became a dear
10 part of her life, and she revealed her magnificent voice to the
11 public by performing with her high school choir; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite her obvious talent, Ms. Sweeney took a
13 roundabout trip to her rightful place on the bandstand; she tried
14 her hand at acting, comedy, and a long list of less glamorous
15 occupations, including waitress, office worker, and dog walker, but
16 destiny and a guitar that her stepfather gave her for Christmas put
17 Sunny Sweeney back on the right path; since 2004, she has been
18 delighting audiences in the clubs of Austin, and in 2006 she signed
19 with Nashville record label Big Machine; with the company's release
20 of *Heartbreaker's Hall of Fame*, it's clear that Sunny Sweeney has
21 found her calling; and

22 WHEREAS, Blessed with a bold and wistful voice that is
23 steeped in the bittersweet spirit of the great barroom ballads, Ms.
24 Sweeney takes the classic sound and spirit of country music and

1 makes it new; whether singing sad or sassy, she has the undeniable
2 ability to touch hearts and fill dance floors, and it is a pleasure
3 to pay tribute to this exciting new addition to the great musical
4 legacy of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Sunny Sweeney on the release of her
7 album *Heartbreaker's Hall of Fame* and extend to her best wishes for
8 success in all her musical endeavors; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 975

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 975 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House