

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebrated Austin Symphonic Band is
2 commemorating its 25th year with a Silver Anniversary Concert on
3 April 28, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, This special concert will feature performances by
5 two past conductors, Frank Simon and Randol Bass, and its current
6 director, Richard Floyd, and the concert program includes an
7 original composition by Mr. Bass, commissioned especially for the
8 concert; and

9 WHEREAS, The Austin Symphonic Band is a group of volunteers,
10 most of whom are not professional musicians, but are school
11 counselors, lawyers, administrative assistants, computer
12 programmers, engineers, and members of many other professions;
13 contributing their talents to the Austin area, they have performed
14 regular Mother's Day and Father's Day concerts at Zilker Park, as
15 well as their subscription series concerts; and

16 WHEREAS, The band has also performed in Pflugerville,
17 Georgetown, Hays County, and Lakeway and has accompanied the 4th of
18 July fireworks in Round Rock and Bastrop; smaller ensembles of band
19 members perform at nursing homes and community events, and the band
20 played at the grand opening of Austin Bergstrom Airport in 1999; and

21 WHEREAS, As the Official Band of the City of Austin, the
22 Austin Symphonic Band has served as a cultural ambassador for the
23 city in San Antonio, Dallas, New Orleans, Seattle, and Chicago, and
24 it has performed at the conferences of such prestigious

1 organizations as the National Band Association, the Texas
2 Bandmasters Association, the Texas Music Educators, and the
3 American Bandmasters Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The band's several honors and awards include the
5 1993 Silver Scroll Award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation and a
6 rare third invitation to perform at the Mid-West International Band
7 and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago in December 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, The Austin Symphonic Band is one of Austin's
9 cultural treasures, its volunteers sharing their talent and their
10 love of music with the citizens of Austin and with delighted
11 audiences across Texas and the nation, and the band's 25th
12 anniversary is an appropriate occasion to take note of this fine
13 organization; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Austin Symphonic Band on its
16 25th anniversary and extend to the band's director and members best
17 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the Austin Symphonic Band as an expression of high
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Howard of Travis

H.R. No. 1774

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1774 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House