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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.