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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A beloved entertainer who is as compassionate as she  
2 is talented, Reba McEntire has devoted extensive time and effort  
3 over the past two decades to benefit the Texoma Medical Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. McEntire will mark the 20th anniversary of her  
5 involvement with TMC by staging the "Fly Away with Reba" grand  
6 concert gala on May 27, 2007, at the Grayson County Airport in  
7 Denison; and

8 WHEREAS, Known simply as Reba to her fervent fans, Ms.  
9 McEntire staged her first concert to raise funds for TMC in 1987;  
10 that single event raised \$55,000, which was used to fund the Reba  
11 McEntire Nurseries; and

12 WHEREAS, Her second benefit concert took place in 1989 and  
13 became the centerpiece for a number of related events held on  
14 Memorial Day weekend, including fishing, tennis, and basketball  
15 tournaments and a parade; the Reba Charity Golf Classic was also  
16 launched that year and continues to be a popular annual fund-raiser  
17 for TMC; and

18 WHEREAS, With the passing years, additional hospital  
19 facilities were underwritten through Ms. McEntire's assistance;  
20 Reba's Ranch House opened in 1992 and provides a  
21 home-away-from-home for families who have loved ones undergoing  
22 care at the hospital; three years later, the Reba McEntire Center  
23 for Rehabilitation began operations, and the Reba Mobile  
24 Mammography Unit hit the road in 2000; and

1           WHEREAS, In recent years, Reba McEntire's career has expanded  
2 from country music to Broadway performances, a television series,  
3 and her own line of clothing and home decor, but her commitment to  
4 the Texoma area has remained undiminished; another successful  
5 benefit concert was held in 2005, and the 20th anniversary gala will  
6 provide vital funds to help finance the construction of another  
7 Reba's Ranch House at the new medical center facilities that will  
8 open in 2010; and

9           WHEREAS, Entertainers who use their talent and fame to  
10 benefit others are deserving of gratitude and respect, and in being  
11 a steadfast TMC benefactor for 20 years, Reba McEntire has made a  
12 tremendous contribution to the residents of northern Texas and  
13 southern Oklahoma; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby commend Reba McEntire for her generous and  
16 longstanding support of Texoma Medical Center and extend best  
17 wishes to Ms. McEntire and the attendees and organizers of the "Fly  
18 Away" with Reba benefit concert for a successful and enjoyable  
19 event; and, be it further

20           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Ms. McEntire as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.