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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A beloved country music entertainer who emerged from  
2 North Texas to achieve national stardom, Johnny Duncan passed away  
3 on August 14, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in the Dublin area, Johnny Duncan  
5 was influenced by his mother and the many other musically inclined  
6 members of his family and began performing in public as a teenager;  
7 intent on a career in country music, he moved to Nashville,  
8 Tennessee, and supported himself by working in construction and as  
9 a radio personality while gaining attention as a songwriter and  
10 performer; and

11 WHEREAS, After landing a record contract, his first single  
12 appeared in 1967; his greatest success came in the 1970s, when he  
13 teamed with famed producer Billy Sherrill, who found the ideal way  
14 to showcase Mr. Duncan's smooth baritone voice; hits such as "Sweet  
15 Country Woman," "Thinkin' of a Rendezvous," "Slow Dancing," and his  
16 most popular song, "She Can Put Her Shoes Under My Bed Anytime,"  
17 made Johnny Duncan a star; and

18 WHEREAS, He also enjoyed success in his duets with Dallas  
19 native Janie Fricke, and the two were nominated as Vocal Duo of the  
20 Year by the Country Music Association for three consecutive years;  
21 over the course of his career, Johnny Duncan placed 39 songs on the  
22 charts, with four of his singles going all the way to number one;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, After the whirlwind of show-business stardom,

1 Johnny Duncan chose to step out of the spotlight in the early 1980s  
2 to focus on raising his family; he returned to the Lone Star State  
3 during this period, where he continued to perform concerts on a  
4 regular basis; he also undertook various recording projects and  
5 released his most recent album in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, While enchanting audiences over the course of four  
7 decades as a talented musician and performer, Johnny Duncan also  
8 excelled in his roles as a husband, father, and grandfather, and  
9 memories of his caring nature and his immense musical talent will  
10 continue to gladden the hearts of all who knew him; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Johnny Duncan and  
14 extend condolences to his family, his friends, and his many fans;  
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Johnny  
19 Duncan.