

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas has a rich tradition of producing great  
2 musical artists . . . as well as musicians who are perhaps less  
3 great, but who try really hard; and

4           WHEREAS, The Bad Precedents is a group of singers and  
5 instrumentalists linked by the common thread of service to the  
6 State of Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, The performance of live music by the Bad Precedents  
8 during the 81st Texas Legislature has served as a means of drawing  
9 together the members of the legislature, raising funds for  
10 worthwhile local charities, and bringing joy to countless  
11 listeners, fans, and dancers; and

12           WHEREAS, Primary members of this beloved ensemble are Senator  
13 Bob Deuell on drums and credibility, Representative Jim Dunnam on  
14 keyboard, Representative Larry Taylor, the band's business and  
15 transportation manager, Representative Lon Burnam, who serves as  
16 dancer and spiritual leader, Jeff Rotkoff on rhythm guitar, Michael  
17 Garemko on lead guitar, Ross Peavey on bass, Tommy Tynes on lead  
18 vocals, Andy Cates on drums, Zac Evans on vocals, Noah Beaudette on  
19 bass, and Roger Garza, who acts as road manager; and

20           WHEREAS, The musical mission of the Bad Precedents is  
21 furthered by emeritus members Vernon Effenberger and Kelly Fine as  
22 well as a stellar lineup of special guests: Representative Mike  
23 Villarreal playing cowbell, Representative Richard Pena Raymond  
24 with his Elvis-like vocals, Representative Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton

1 standing with incredible rhythm on the right side of Representative  
2 Dunnam's keyboard, Representative Marc Veasey on Word-Up vocals,  
3 Representative Joe Pickett on drums, Representative Norma Chavez,  
4 who will survive, Hugh Brady, who won't stop believin',  
5 Representative Donna Howard on the iPod, Paul Brown on vocals,  
6 saxophone, and genuine musicianship, Karen Brooks on guitar and  
7 vocals, and Lauren Dunnam, Mason Dunnam, Rachel Dunnam, Jon  
8 English, Sandie Haverlah, and Steve Sheffield; and

9 WHEREAS, No band can function properly without quality  
10 roadies and support personnel, and the Bad Precedents are well  
11 served by Russell Devorsky, Clinton Knorpp, Jenny Casey, official  
12 sergeant roadies Cricket Day and Mark Chilivetis, and others; and

13 WHEREAS, The Bad Precedents and all of their special guests  
14 and crew have proven that music has the power to attract individuals  
15 of all backgrounds and political affiliations and to unite them as  
16 one people under a groove, and they are indeed deserving of special  
17 thanks for their valiant service on the bandstand; now, therefore,  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize the Bad  
21 Precedents as the official band of the Regular and 1st Called  
22 Sessions of the 81st Texas Legislature and encourage the group to  
23 keep on rocking in the free world; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for each member of the Bad Precedents and each of their  
26 special guests and crew as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
27 House of Representatives.

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 68

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 68 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House