

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Jazz is an original American art form that affirms  
2 the noblest aspirations of our national character, individual  
3 discipline, perseverance, and innovation; and

4           WHEREAS, To acknowledge the integral role that jazz music  
5 plays in the cultural life of the United States, a campaign has been  
6 ongoing in recent years to designate April as Jazz Appreciation  
7 Month, with 15 states and numerous cities having already given  
8 official recognition to this observance; and

9           WHEREAS, Initiated by the National Museum of American History  
10 of the Smithsonian Institution, Jazz Appreciation Month was  
11 established to highlight the multicultural history of jazz, its  
12 important influence on American life, and the evocative music that  
13 has been created by the nation's jazz musicians; and

14           WHEREAS, This admirable effort is a fitting tribute to this  
15 musical art form; jazz has produced some of America's leading  
16 creative artists and ranks as one of the country's greatest  
17 cultural exports to the world; and

18           WHEREAS, Immensely influential in the arts, jazz has inspired  
19 classical composers and musicians in many other genres, and its  
20 rhythms and spirit of improvisation have also been adopted in  
21 artistic fields such as dance, poetry, fiction, and film; and

22           WHEREAS, Jazz has spoken eloquently of freedom for people in  
23 the United States and abroad and has become an international  
24 language that bridges differences and brings together people of all

1 races, ages, and backgrounds; and

2 WHEREAS, America's jazz heritage deserves to be appreciated  
3 as broadly as possible, and this goal can be furthered through  
4 education efforts aimed at both children and adults; the  
5 designation of Jazz Appreciation Month plays a role in this process  
6 by focusing public attention on the music and by providing an annual  
7 observance that inspires special concerts and other events to  
8 showcase the music; and

9 WHEREAS, Intimately linked with the history of our nation,  
10 jazz speaks to the rich and diverse experiences of Americans, and  
11 this compelling form of artistic expression indeed deserves to be  
12 celebrated and preserved; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby proclaim April 2009 as Jazz Appreciation Month in Texas and  
15 urge all Texans to take this opportunity to attend performances,  
16 listen to recordings, and learn more about the music.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 94 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 94 was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor