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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Conroe High School Band has been selected to
2 march in the 121st Rose Parade at the Tournament of Roses on January
3 1, 2010, and this talented organization is a source of great pride
4 for its city and the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, The history of the Conroe Tiger Band dates back to
6 1929, when the ensemble was transformed from an orchestra into a
7 show band; the group was among the first of its kind in Texas to
8 march parade style on the football field, as well as to form letters
9 and symbols and to use the field's yard lines to accurately measure
10 the band's step size while performing; throughout the past eight
11 decades, the Conroe Tiger Band has adopted the contemporary free
12 form style, and it has received hundreds of commendations;
13 performing its celebrated anthems and more, the band has continued
14 to grow in popularity and now reaches audiences on national
15 television, at professional football games, and at state and
16 national events; and

17 WHEREAS, Bobby W. Heathcock has led the Conroe Tiger Band
18 since 2002; a graduate of the University of Houston, Mr. Heathcock
19 has been honored many times during his career, and he is the
20 recipient of the Houston Mayor's Educational Excellence Award; he
21 has directed the band's performances at the Sugar Bowl, the
22 Disneyland Night of Stars Parade, and the Orange Bowl; in addition,
23 he has helped the Tigers win a number of UIL Regional Marching Band
24 Contest 1st Division awards and TCGC Texas Divisional State

1 Championship awards for color guard and drum line; this unstoppable
2 team has also been named a Sam Houston State University Marching
3 Contest Divisional Champion and a Lone Star Preview Marching
4 Contest Finalist; under the able direction of Mr. Heathcock and his
5 assistants, Dawn Martinez and Frank Chambers, 210 students are
6 poised to bring further distinction to Conroe High School as the
7 only band from Texas to be performing before millions of spectators
8 at next year's Tournament of Roses Parade; and

9 WHEREAS, The Conroe Tiger Band was selected to participate in
10 "America's New Year's Celebration" based on the exceptional music
11 and performance skills of its members, and as they travel to
12 Pasadena, California, for this extraordinary opportunity, they
13 take with them the enthusiastic support of their fellow Texans;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Conroe High School Band on its
17 selection to participate in the Tournament of Roses 121st Rose
18 Parade and that all those affiliated with the group be extended
19 sincere best wishes for a memorable and successful experience; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the Conroe Tiger Band as an expression of high regard
23 by the Texas House of Representatives.