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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Musician and entrepreneur Art Greenhaw has become a  
2 catalyst for civic improvement in his hometown of Mesquite through  
3 his dedication to the arts and to the city's cultural heritage; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Greenhaw joined the Light Crust  
5 Doughboys, the western swing band that launched the career of Bob  
6 Wills in the early 1930s; the group has counted many of the finest  
7 musicians in Texas among its members, and after becoming part of  
8 that long history, Mr. Greenhaw helped engineer a renaissance; the  
9 Doughboys won new fans by recording with gospel legend James  
10 Blackwood and performing with the Fort Worth Symphony, the Lone  
11 Star Ballet in Amarillo, the Dallas Wind Symphony, and the Abilene  
12 Philharmonic, among others; following the death of banjo virtuoso  
13 and arranger Marvin "Smokey" Montgomery in 2001, Mr. Greenhaw  
14 assumed leadership of the group; and

15           WHEREAS, The Doughboys have received numerous Grammy  
16 nominations and won the 2003 Grammy Award for Best Southern,  
17 Country, or Bluegrass Gospel Album for their work on *We Called Him*  
18 *Mr. Gospel Music - The James Blackwood Tribute Album*, released on  
19 Mr. Greenhaw's independent, Mesquite-based record label; the band  
20 has been inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame, the Rockabilly  
21 Hall of Fame, and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and recent  
22 accolades include the 2007 Will Rogers Award for Western Swing  
23 Group of the Year from the Academy of Western Artists; in 2008, the  
24 group was one of 12 entities selected by the Texas Commission on the

1 Arts to receive a subsidy through the National Endowment for the  
2 Arts American Masterpieces initiative; Mr. Greenhaw, a graduate of  
3 Southern Methodist University and a gifted instrumentalist,  
4 singer, and songwriter, has also worked as a producer and arranger  
5 for the Ventures, Ann-Margret, Engelbert Humperdinck, Trini Lopez,  
6 the Jordanaires, and others; and

7 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has helped preserve the flavor of  
8 Mesquite's historic downtown through his stewardship of the  
9 McWhorter-Greenhaw building, where his grandfather started a  
10 hardware and farm supply store in 1943 and where Mr. Greenhaw now  
11 teaches his music students; recently, he has become a leader in the  
12 effort to revitalize the city's Heritage Square as an arts and  
13 entertainment destination; in February 2009, he initiated the Music  
14 in Old Town series, performing a free concert with sitar recording  
15 artist Vatsal Dave to bring residents back to this once-bustling  
16 community center and gain support for renovations; and

17 WHEREAS, Art Greenhaw has worked to bring wide recognition to  
18 the city of Mesquite through his many endeavors, and his  
19 achievements in behalf of the historic town square have earned the  
20 gratitude and admiration of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be  
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commend Art Greenhaw for his contributions to  
24 the arts in Mesquite and for his commitment to his hometown and  
25 extend to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Mr. Greenhaw as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.