

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Anthony Ortiz, Jr., of Austin has distinguished  
2 himself through his notable achievements as a musician, carrying on  
3 a family tradition that dates back several generations; and

4           WHEREAS, A 16-year-old junior at Austin High School, Mr.  
5 Ortiz has emerged as an accomplished young accordion player who  
6 performs professionally with his father and grandfather in Mariachi  
7 Corbetas and who has won acclaim in state music competitions;  
8 moreover, he is a member of his school's philharmonic orchestra, in  
9 which he plays stand-up bass, and he also plays the trumpet, having  
10 developed his skill on that instrument while in the band at Martin  
11 Middle School; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Ortiz first climbed onto the stage at the age of  
13 nine, when he began playing maracas and dancing with Mariachi  
14 Compania, another ensemble that included his father and  
15 grandfather; the following year, he took up the guitar and later got  
16 started on the accordion and then the trumpet; he qualified as a  
17 finalist in the Big Squeeze Accordion Contest in 2008 and 2009, was  
18 selected as a member of the East Side All-Star Band, and has  
19 garnered Musician of the Year Awards at Martin Middle School and at  
20 the Volente Band Festival; and

21           WHEREAS, This talented entertainer has been inspired by the  
22 many members of his family that have enjoyed success in music; his  
23 great-grandparents, Alberto and Santos Ortiz, performed in the San  
24 Marcos area, and his grandfather, Lupe "Shorty" Ortiz, founded the

1 Tejano band Shorty and the Corvettes in 1961; later, Lupe's sons,  
2 Anthony Ortiz, Sr., and Christopher Ortiz, likewise took up  
3 instruments, learning the basics of being professional musicians  
4 from their father; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, Anthony Ortiz, Jr., has the opportunity to  
6 stand alongside his father and grandfather as a member of Mariachi  
7 Corbetas, learning valuable lessons not only about music but also  
8 about dedication and responsibility; with the guidance provided by  
9 his relatives and his own hard work and ability, he has become an  
10 outstanding performer, and he may indeed look with optimism and  
11 anticipation toward the many opportunities that lie ahead; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Anthony Ortiz, Jr., on his  
15 achievements as a musician and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
16 success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Ortiz as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 1988

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1988 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House