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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.