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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Country music great Moe Bandy has made Lovelady an
2 annual stop on his tour schedule, and many avid fans are delighted
3 indeed to welcome him back to the historic Lovelady Old Gym on
4 August 21, 2009, for the fifth consecutive year; and

5 WHEREAS, Born February 12, 1944, in Meridian, Mississippi,
6 Mr. Bandy moved to San Antonio with his family at the age of six; he
7 was a rodeo rider during his high school years, until a succession
8 of injuries ended that career; he became a sheet metal worker and
9 sang in country nightclubs, and although his first record deal
10 failed to lead to fame and fortune, he persevered, pawning
11 furniture and taking out a loan to finance recording sessions;
12 Footprint Records finally released 500 copies of his single "I Just
13 Started Hatin' Cheatin' Songs Today," and fast-paced sales led the
14 GRC label to acquire the rights to what would become Mr. Bandy's
15 first Top 20 hit; and

16 WHEREAS, The intrepid singer initially held on to his day
17 job, but he soon became one of the brightest stars in country music;
18 signed to Columbia Records, he hit No. 3 on the charts with "Hank
19 Williams You Changed My Life," and he was named Most Promising Male
20 Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music; his amazing string of
21 honky-tonk hits during the 1970s and 1980s included "Here I Am Drunk
22 Again," "She Just Loved the Cheatin' Out of Me," "Yesterday Once
23 More," and "Barstool Mountain"; his duet with Janie Fricke, "It's a
24 Cheatin' Situation," was a huge smash, and his album with Joe

1 Stampley, *Just Good Ol' Boys*, became one of the top albums of 1979,
2 bringing the pair a No. 1 hit and awards from the ACM and the Country
3 Music Association; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1988, a presidential candidate named George H. W.
5 Bush adopted Mr. Bandy's song "Americana" as a campaign theme song,
6 and Mr. Bandy went on to play at his inauguration and make two
7 concert appearances at the White House; in subsequent years, he
8 became one of the top draws in Branson, Missouri, while maintaining
9 a busy schedule on the road; residents of Lovelady are honored that
10 this country music icon feels so comfortable in their hometown that
11 he has become a regular visitor; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize August 21, 2009, as Moe Bandy Day in
14 Lovelady and extend to Mr. Bandy and his countless fans best wishes
15 for an enjoyable event; and, be it further

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