

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 800

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Dallas music group The Nightcaps, who are celebrating their 50th year in show business with a performance at the Lakewood Theater on May 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, This rhythm and blues group was formed in Dallas in 1959; current members of the group include original members Billy Joe Shine and Gene Hafler, Denny Mills, who joined The Nightcaps in 1962, Lenny Mills, who joined the group in 1968, and Mark Minton, who joined in 1997; and

WHEREAS, The Nightcaps' first big hit was "Wine, Wine, Wine," recorded in 1960; the song was listed in the April, 2002, edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine as one of the best 100 songs in Texas music history; and

WHEREAS, The group's second hit was "Thunderbird," a song for which Jimmie Vaughan would later name his group and which would be included in ZZ Top's *Fandango* album; and

WHEREAS, The Nightcaps became fixtures in the Dallas music scene and had an enormous influence on blues music and the rhythm and blues acts that would follow them; they do indeed deserve recognition for their enduring talent and for providing the public with half a century of first-rate musical entertainment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate members of The Nightcaps on their 50th year as a top Dallas performing group and extend to all best wishes for continuing success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for The Nightcaps as a token of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro, Carona

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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