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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is famous the world over for its  
2 wealth of exceptional music, and its welcoming creative atmosphere  
3 has made it a haven for performers seeking to further their art;  
4 while communities throughout the state have contributed to that  
5 legacy, the city of Denton has been especially successful in  
6 nurturing an innovative and diverse music scene that has had an  
7 influence far beyond North Texas; and

8           WHEREAS, Denton has long been known as a place where  
9 independent expression through music and art is respected and  
10 encouraged; its vibrant character is due in part to the presence of  
11 two venerable institutions of higher learning, the University of  
12 North Texas and Texas Woman's University, both of which attract  
13 musicians and artisans of all mediums; the University of North  
14 Texas College of Music is particularly notable; with more than  
15 1,600 music majors, it is one of the largest music programs in the  
16 United States; and

17           WHEREAS, Numerous UNT alumni have gone on to make their mark  
18 as professional musicians, among them famous figures such as Don  
19 Henley, Norah Jones, Pat Boone, Roy Orbison, and Ray Wylie Hubbard;  
20 in addition, the city is the hometown of the Grammy Award-winning  
21 band Brave Combo, the One O'Clock Lab Band, former Texas poet  
22 laureate and musician Steven Fromholz, and more than 100 other  
23 groups playing myriad styles of music; and

24           WHEREAS, With its thriving population of skilled performers,

1 Denton has become a hub of independent music that has been  
2 recognized by prominent publications, including *Paste Magazine*,  
3 the *New York Times*, and the *Guardian*; on any given night, dozens of  
4 bands are performing around the city; more than 25 music venues are  
5 located within walking distance of the downtown square, and  
6 businesses and restaurants all around town actively support and  
7 promote Denton musicians and present live music to their patrons;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The city further showcases its musical offerings at  
10 festivals and special events such as the nationally renowned Denton  
11 Arts & Jazz Festival and the 35 Conferette; moreover, Denton's  
12 active music community is reflected in the presence of more than a  
13 dozen recording studios; and

14       WHEREAS, Drawing on a rich musical heritage, Denton continues  
15 to receive attention for its concentration of outstanding musicians  
16 and its robust lineup of concerts and shows; the spirit of  
17 creativity, independence, and do-it-yourself innovation that  
18 pervades the local scene greatly enhances the Lone Star State's  
19 reputation for artistic excellence, and this exciting and  
20 influential center for musical expression is indeed deserving of  
21 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

22       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby designate Denton as the Independent Music Capital of Texas.