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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sebastian Lang-Lessing made his debut as music
2 director of the San Antonio Symphony on October 2, 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, The eighth music director in the 70-year history of
4 the orchestra, Mr. Lang-Lessing was born in Germany and began his
5 professional career with the Hamburg State Opera; he went on to
6 serve as resident conductor of the Deutsche Oper Berlin and as music
7 director of the Orchestre symphonique et lyrique de Nancy in
8 France; under his leadership, the Opera de Nancy advanced to the
9 next level, becoming the Opera national de Lorraine; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Lang-Lessing came to San Antonio from the
11 Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in Australia, where he served as chief
12 conductor and artistic director for six years; over the course of
13 his distinguished career, he has also taken the podium at the Opera
14 Bastille de Paris, the San Francisco Opera, the Houston Grand
15 Opera, and other notable opera houses; moreover, he has led
16 performances by such prominent orchestras as the Tokyo
17 Philharmonic, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Hamburg
18 Symphony Orchestra, and the Orchestra of Paris; and

19 WHEREAS, Noted for his rediscovery of composer Joseph Guy
20 Ropartz, Mr. Lang-Lessing has recorded his symphonies in France,
21 and he has an extensive discography with the Tasmanian Symphony
22 Orchestra that includes works by Saint-Saens, Ravel, and Australian
23 contemporary composer Brett Dean, among others; Mr. Lang-Lessing
24 is a recipient of the Ferenc Fricssay Prize and has received glowing

1 notices in publications from the *Los Angeles Times* to the *Berliner*
2 *Zeitung*; and

3 WHEREAS, A gifted and dynamic artist, Sebastian Lang-Lessing
4 brings extensive international experience to his new position with
5 the San Antonio Symphony, and his inaugural season with the San
6 Antonio Symphony provides a fitting opportunity to recognize him;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Sebastian Lang-Lessing on being
10 named music director of the San Antonio Symphony and welcome him to
11 the State of Texas; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Lang-Lessing as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.