

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Silas Nathaniel Huff, a distinguished conductor and  
2 composer, has enlisted in the U.S. Army and will serve as an army  
3 band officer; and

4           WHEREAS, Maestro Huff brings more than 12 years of conducting  
5 experience to his new responsibilities; over the course of his  
6 career, he has led ensembles in nine different states, as well as  
7 orchestras in France, Russia, Bulgaria, and the Czech Republic; in  
8 addition to winning plaudits for his work with symphonies and  
9 choirs, he has achieved success as a dance conductor and also as a  
10 composer; currently, Mr. Huff is the music director for the Round  
11 Rock Symphony and the Astoria Symphony, and he will continue  
12 directing both while serving in the army; and

13           WHEREAS, After completing his bachelor of arts in performance  
14 and composition at Texas State University, Silas Huff continued his  
15 studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he  
16 earned a master of arts in composition, and at California State  
17 University, Long Beach, where he received a master of music in  
18 conducting; moreover, he has furthered his professional  
19 preparation at academies in Germany and France and at workshops  
20 given by some of the world's most respected conductors; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Huff submitted his application to the U.S. Army  
22 band "Pershing's Own" in January 2010; after a lengthy selection  
23 and audition process, he was offered the prestigious position of  
24 conductor in the U.S. Army on May 25, 2010; he then began the

1 additional process of securing acceptance as an officer candidate;  
2 having cleared every hurdle, he officially enlisted on December 8,  
3 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Huff leaves for three months of basic training  
5 on February 1, 2011; he will then attend Officer Candidate School  
6 and the Basic Officer Leadership Course; when he completes these  
7 requirements, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and  
8 will become an army band officer; and

9 WHEREAS, In his capacity as an army bandmaster, Mr. Huff will  
10 have a unique opportunity to serve his country while utilizing all  
11 of his musical and leadership skills; he expects to rotate through a  
12 variety of positions and to tour extensively; he will conduct many  
13 different groups, including the U.S. Army band "Pershing's Own,"  
14 U.S. Army Field Band, and U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus; and

15 WHEREAS, In making his decision to join the army, Mr. Huff  
16 enjoyed the strong support of his wife, Taylor Morris; native  
17 Texans, the couple presently split their time between New York City  
18 and the Lone Star State; and

19 WHEREAS, A gifted and dynamic artist, Silas Nathaniel Huff  
20 can take justifiable pride in his latest achievement, and the bands  
21 of the U.S. Army can congratulate themselves as well on gaining the  
22 talents of this outstanding conductor; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Silas Nathaniel Huff on his  
25 selection as a U.S. Army band officer and extend to him sincere best  
26 wishes as he embarks on this exciting new chapter in his career;  
27 and, be it further

H.R. No. 113

1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. Huff as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 113

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 113 was adopted by the House on  
February 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House