

By: Solomons

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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

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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.