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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Association for Symphony  
2 Orchestras are gathering in Austin for their annual conference  
3 March 31 through April 3, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Dedicated to the exchange of ideas for the promotion  
5 and development of orchestras in Texas, TASO is made up of local  
6 volunteer organizations from across the state that support  
7 symphonic ensembles in their communities; the group was founded in  
8 1967 as the Texas Women's Association for Symphony Orchestras, and  
9 it adopted its present name in 1984; and

10           WHEREAS, TASO's member organizations take turns hosting the  
11 annual conference, and the 2011 meeting, "Capital City Buzz," is  
12 being sponsored by the Women's Symphony League of Austin; the event  
13 will include approximately 150 delegates from 29 organizations in  
14 Texas and one from New Mexico; as part of the event, Awards of  
15 Excellence will be presented to volunteer Nancy Young, patrons  
16 Sarah and Ernest Butler, and business supporter Publications and  
17 Communications Inc. (PCI); and

18           WHEREAS, The delegates will also be treated to performances  
19 by the three winners of the TASO 2011 Juanita Miller Concerto  
20 Competition; named for the organization's first president, this  
21 prestigious statewide contest recognizes outstanding high school  
22 musicians; this year's honorees include the grand prize winner,  
23 cellist Russell Houston, as well as pianist Emily Tan and oboist  
24 Jillian Honn; and

1           WHEREAS, The symphony orchestras of Texas contribute greatly  
2 to the cultural richness of the Lone Star State, and the members of  
3 TASO may take justifiable pride in their efforts to support and  
4 further this proud musical tradition; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 conference of the Texas  
7 Association for Symphony Orchestras and extend to the participants  
8 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful weekend in  
9 Austin; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.