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H.R. No. 1098

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Texarkana lost one of its most admired
2 educators with the passing of former band director Bob G. Ingram on
3 January 30, 2011, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Greenville on July 31, 1933, Mr. Ingram
5 excelled in music at an early age; he took a summer lawn-mowing job
6 in order to purchase a Silvertone metal clarinet as a sixth grader,
7 and he was drafted into the Greenville High School Band two years
8 before he entered high school and served as its president and
9 student director; East Texas State Teachers College awarded him a
10 full scholarship and he served as president and student director of
11 the college band, and he was a member of the orchestra and ROTC
12 marching band as well; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram began his teaching career in the Longview
14 Independent School District in 1955 and then became band director
15 at East Mountain High School before leading Sabine Senior High
16 School to four consecutive Sweepstakes awards; during his
17 subsequent two-year tenure as band director and supervisor of music
18 for Greenville High, the band received its first Sweepstakes award;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Ingram joined the Texarkana Independent
21 School District as supervisor of the instrumental music program and
22 director of the Texas High School marching, concert, and jazz
23 bands; he continued to serve the district with great distinction
24 until his retirement in 1992; under his direction, the band

1 received numerous Sweepstakes awards and first division ratings in
2 Class 5A competition, and it played for four United States
3 presidents; in addition, the Fighting Tigers performed around the
4 country, delighting audiences at Disney World and in Cheyenne,
5 Wyoming, and Memphis, Tennessee, as well as at an Astros baseball
6 game in Houston and the Hemisfair in San Antonio; and

7 WHEREAS, This kind and caring educator made a positive
8 difference in the lives of innumerable young Texans, teaching them
9 what was possible with hard work and a commitment to excellence;
10 while helping musicians reach their potential and expanding their
11 horizons, he also mentored youths who were not involved in band, and
12 he endeared himself to his colleagues with his warmth, exuberance,
13 quick wit, and readiness to lend assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, Inducted into the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu in
15 1960, Mr. Ingram served as the fraternity's chair of the
16 hospitality and program committee; he was a charter member of the
17 Texas Music Adjudicators Association and judged band and music
18 competitions in almost every region in Texas, as well as in six
19 other states; moreover, he served as president of the Four States
20 Bandmasters Association and as sergeant at arms and president of
21 the board of the Texas Bandmasters Association; he was inducted
22 into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 1999; active in community
23 service, he was president of the Lions Club from 1981-1982; and

24 WHEREAS, Devoted to his wife of more than 50 years, Wanda, Mr.
25 Ingram was the proud father of a son, Mike; in later years, he also
26 knew the joy of becoming a grandfather; and

27 WHEREAS, Bob Ingram taught precious life lessons while

1 sharing his love of music with many young people, and he will
2 forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who were
3 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bob G. Ingram and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
7 Wanda Ingram; to his son, Mike Ingram, and his wife, Elizabeth; to
8 his granddaughter, Catherine Ingram, and her fiance, Andrew Shope;
9 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob G.
13 Ingram.