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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For his outstanding dedication to classical music in  
2 the Rio Grande Valley, Dr. Carl Seale is being honored at the Valley  
3 Symphony Orchestra and Chorale Red Bow Concerto Gala on April 30,  
4 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Seale holds a bachelor's degree in music from  
6 Baylor University, a master's degree in music from the University  
7 of Louisville, and a doctor of musical arts degree in composition  
8 from the University of North Texas; he worked as the orchestra  
9 director for high schools in Denton and Edinburg before serving as  
10 the head band director at Harlingen High School for six years; in  
11 1971, he joined the faculty of The University of Texas--Pan  
12 American and two years later was appointed conductor of the Valley  
13 Symphony Orchestra; and

14           WHEREAS, The sixth person to fill this prestigious position  
15 since the orchestra was founded in 1952, Dr. Seale helped to ensure  
16 the group's ongoing success by leading the effort to form the South  
17 Texas Symphony Association, which was organized in 1976 to  
18 supplement UT--Pan American in its support of the orchestra; also  
19 during Dr. Seale's tenure, the Rio Grande Valley Chorale joined the  
20 VSO, becoming a permanent addition to the concert season; and

21           WHEREAS, A gifted and prolific composer, Dr. Seale has  
22 created works in a wide variety of genres, including two ballets,  
23 two operas, and three series of hymn tunes, and his composition "The  
24 Flight of Icarus" won the Texas Orchestra Directors Association

1 Composition Contest in 1996; he conducted his own "Symphony for  
2 Friends: A Farewell" in May 2001 to mark his retirement from the  
3 orchestra, and later that year, he fulfilled a commission by the  
4 Valley Land Fund with a multimedia piece he named "Jewels of a Land  
5 Alive"; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Seale has further distinguished himself as a  
7 guest conductor with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and several  
8 Mexican state orchestras, as a clinician and conductor for school  
9 bands in Texas, Kentucky, and Indiana, and as the longtime music  
10 director for the First Presbyterian Church in McAllen, where he  
11 composed and arranged a number of works for the choir; although he  
12 is now retired, he continues to serve as conductor emeritus of the  
13 Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale and as professor emeritus at  
14 UT--Pan American; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Carl Seale's musical achievements have inspired  
16 and delighted audiences in the Rio Grande Valley for more than 30  
17 years, and he may indeed take great pride in his contributions to  
18 the cultural richness of the region; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Dr. Carl Seale on the occasion of  
21 the Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale Red Bow Concerto Gala  
22 2011 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness;  
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Dr. Seale as an expression of high regard from the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.