

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ida M. Steadman retired as principal cellist of the  
2 El Paso Symphony Orchestra on April 16, 2011, drawing to a close an  
3 extraordinary career with the ensemble that spanned more than half  
4 a century; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Steadman is a graduate of Texas Western  
6 College, and she earned her master of fine arts degree in  
7 performance from the University of Georgia; she joined EPSO as a  
8 flute player in 1957 and moved to the cello section the following  
9 year; she became assistant cellist in 1985 and the orchestra's  
10 principal cellist in 1987; and

11           WHEREAS, In addition to her performing career, this talented  
12 musician has served as a teacher for the El Paso Independent School  
13 District for the past 40 years and plans to continue in her role as  
14 director of the orchestra at Coronado High School; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Steadman has further distinguished herself as a  
16 clinician or adjudicator for numerous events and organizations,  
17 including the Texas Tech Band and Orchestra Camp, the Colorado  
18 State Rocky Mountain Summer Music Camp, the Greater Southwest Music  
19 Festival, and the Colorado High School All-State String Orchestra;  
20 moreover, she served on the jury of a national cello competition in  
21 Ankara, Turkey; and

22           WHEREAS, Mrs. Steadman's many achievements have been  
23 recognized with a lifetime membership in the Texas Parent Teacher  
24 Association, the Conquistador Award from the City of El Paso, and

1 the Elizabeth Green School Educator Award from the American String  
2 Teachers Association; she was also honored as an outstanding former  
3 student by Burges High School, and she was selected to carry the  
4 Olympic torch for the 2002 Olympics; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Mrs. Steadman has enjoyed the  
6 love and support of her husband, Hane, as well as her children,  
7 Michael, Anita, Sid, and Russell; and

8 WHEREAS, Ida Steadman's dedication, ability, and passion for  
9 music have greatly benefited the El Paso community, and she may  
10 indeed reflect with pride on her outstanding accomplishments as she  
11 looks forward to the next exciting chapter in her life; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Ida M. Steadman on her retirement  
15 from the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and extend to her sincere best  
16 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mrs. Steadman as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1638

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1638 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House