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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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