

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Country star Mickey Gilley helped ignite the "urban
2 cowboy" phenomenon in the 1980s, introducing countless Americans to
3 the joys of Texas honky-tonk music; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Natchez, Mississippi, on March 9, 1936, Mr.
5 Gilley grew up in nearby Ferriday, Louisiana; he learned to play
6 piano at an early age and got an education in rhythm and blues by
7 secretly listening at the windows of clubs; after his cousin Jerry
8 Lee Lewis found fame, he grew serious about pursuing a career in
9 music, and while working construction jobs in Houston, he began
10 performing on local stages and recorded a number of regional hits on
11 independent labels; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilley broke through on the national level in
13 1968 with the single "Now I Can Live Again"; his star rose even
14 higher in the 1970s, with the opening of Gilley's Club in Pasadena
15 and a phenomenal string of country smashes that included "Room Full
16 of Roses," "I Overlooked an Orchid," and "Don't the Girls All Get
17 Prettier at Closing Time"; *Esquire* magazine ran a prominent feature
18 on Gilley's that became the basis for the blockbuster movie *Urban
19 Cowboy*; Gilley appeared in the 1980 film and the soundtrack sent his
20 career into the stratosphere with a platinum single, "Stand By Me";
21 and

22 WHEREAS, One of the most successful country artists of the
23 1980s, Mr. Gilley ruled the charts with a new, more pop-oriented
24 sound; he scored nine number one singles, among them "You Don't Know

1 Me," "Talk to Me," and "That's All That Matters"; eventually,
2 Gilley's Club ran its course, but he seized another business
3 opportunity and opened one of the first star-themed venues in
4 Branson, Missouri; the Mickey Gilley Theatre marked its 20th
5 anniversary in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has received many accolades
7 through the years; Mr. Gilley has won Academy of Country Music
8 Awards in numerous categories and captured the prestigious
9 Entertainer of the Year title; in 2002, he was inducted into the
10 Delta Music Museum Hall of Fame in Ferriday along with his cousins,
11 Mr. Lewis and Jimmy Swaggart; and

12 WHEREAS, An engaging performer with a staggering roster of
13 hits, Mr. Gilley continues to captivate audiences around the
14 country, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his singular place in
15 the history of Texas music; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby welcome Mickey Gilley to the State Capitol and
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Gilley as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1980 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House