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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jazz Education Inc. is celebrating the grand opening
2 of the 40 Seasons of Jazz Photo Exhibition in Houston on June 6,
3 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by jazz artist Bubbha Thomas, JEI grew out
5 of an eight-week summer program for 70 young musicians, which was
6 supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; the
7 nonprofit group today serves more than 30,000 students from
8 elementary school through college and has won the Barbara Jordan
9 Award and numerous other accolades; and

10 WHEREAS, The JEI sponsors several special projects and three
11 main programs; the Jazz & Poetry Series helps elementary school
12 children develop an appreciation for music, while the Summer Jazz
13 Workshop offers young people the opportunity to enhance their
14 musical knowledge through master classes, lectures, and other
15 activities; each year, the Houston International Jazz Festival
16 features a wide range of notable artists; and

17 WHEREAS, Through its enrichment programs, special projects,
18 and public events, Jazz Education Inc. has expanded the musical
19 horizons of innumerable Texans and helped to broaden the audience
20 for a unique American art form; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor Jazz Education Inc. on the occasion of the
23 grand opening reception for the 40 Seasons of Jazz Photo Exhibition
24 and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere

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1 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Jazz Education Inc. as an expression of high regard by
4 the Texas House of Representatives.