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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May 26, 2011, marks the opening day of the 40th  
2 annual Kerrville Folk Festival; and

3           WHEREAS, Founded in 1972 by Rod Kennedy, the Kerrville Folk  
4 Festival was first held in the Kerrville Municipal Auditorium; in  
5 1974, the event was moved to Quiet Valley Ranch south of Kerrville,  
6 a venue that still hosts the celebration each year; drawing more  
7 than 20,000 attendees over the course of 18 days, the festival  
8 infuses \$2.4 million into the local Hill Country economy; and

9           WHEREAS, The Kerrville Folk Festival has entertained  
10 appreciative audiences with performances by thousands of talented  
11 musicians, singers, and songwriters, including such folk, blues,  
12 and country music legends as Peter, Paul and Mary, Willie Nelson,  
13 Odetta, Tom Paxton, Bob Gibson, Arlo Guthrie, Ian Tyson, Townes Van  
14 Zandt, Jerry Jeff Walker, Guy Clark, Flaco and Santiago Jimenez,  
15 Robert Shaw, Allen Damron, Carolyn Hester, Shawn Phillips, Delbert  
16 McClinton, Floyd Westerman, B. W. Stevenson, Steven Fromholz, the  
17 Flatlanders, Michael Martin Murphey, Willis Alan Ramsey, Juke Boy  
18 Bonner, Gatemouth Brown, Kenneth Threadgill, The Indigo Girls,  
19 Kinky Friedman, and many others; and

20           WHEREAS, Also featured is the annual Kerrville New Folk  
21 Competition; originating from an idea by Peter Yarrow of Peter,  
22 Paul and Mary, the contest has helped to launch the careers of such  
23 well-known singer-songwriters as Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith,  
24 Robert Earl Keen, and Lucinda Williams; and

1           WHEREAS, The festival offers classes and workshops for  
2 aspiring musicians in songwriting, musicianship, and instruction  
3 in instrumental technique for guitar, harmonica, and other folk  
4 instruments, and also sponsors continuing education workshops for  
5 Texas teachers in the use of music as an instructional tool; and

6           WHEREAS, This year's celebration will feature performances  
7 by dozens of talented songwriters and musicians, including Judy  
8 Collins, Asleep at the Wheel, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Suzy Bogguss,  
9 Marcia Ball, Rodney Dillard, Bonnie Koloc, Butch Hancock, and Trout  
10 Fishing in America; and

11           WHEREAS, For four decades, the Kerrville Folk Festival has  
12 provided a unique showcase for both established and emerging  
13 performing artists while contributing to the preservation and  
14 furtherance of our folk music heritage, and it continues to be a  
15 yearly highlight for Texans and visitors alike; now, therefore, be  
16 it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th annual Kerrville Folk  
19 Festival and extend to its organizers and participants sincere best  
20 wishes for a successful and memorable event.