

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 917

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Austin Symphony Orchestra on the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, One of the leading professional performing arts organizations in Austin and Central Texas, the Austin Symphony Orchestra performed its first concert on April 25, 1911, at the Hancock Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, numerous prominent citizens have played an important role in furthering the orchestra's success, including Mrs. James V. Allred, Mrs. D. J. Sibley, and Joe R. Long; Mayor Tom Miller officially recognized the organization by providing financial support through the Austin Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Symphony Orchestra has been supported by numerous community organizations, including the Women's Symphony League of Austin and the Knights of the Symphony; it has offered such popular programs as the Classical Series, Pops Concerts, and the annual free Fourth of July concert and fireworks show; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Austin Symphony Orchestra, under the exceptional leadership of music director and conductor Peter Bay, continues to fulfill its mission of enhancing the cultural quality of life of the people of Central Texas by providing excellent musical performances and educational programming; this exemplary organization is truly deserving of recognition for its many contributions to Austin's rich cultural legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to the Austin Symphony Orchestra on its 100th anniversary and extend best wishes for a prosperous and rewarding future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the orchestra as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate