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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The unique musical heritage of Texas has greatly
2 enriched the state, the nation, and the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Distinctive styles such as Texas country, Tejano,
4 and western swing were pioneered in the Lone Star State, and many
5 culturally significant artists representing a wide range of musical
6 genres have called Texas home; among them are Blind Willie Johnson,
7 George Jones, T-Bone Burnett, Jim Reeves, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison,
8 ZZ Top, Selena, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Janis Joplin, and Willie
9 Nelson, to name but a few; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2013, artists and music professionals from the
11 Lone Star State were nominated for 28 awards during the 55th Annual
12 Grammy Awards ceremony; the nine Texans who won awards work in a
13 broad variety of categories and include such performers as Beyonce,
14 from Houston, who won Best Traditional R&B Performance, Lecrae,
15 also from Houston, who won Best Gospel Album, and Esperanza
16 Spalding, from Austin, who won Best Jazz Vocal Album; and

17 WHEREAS, The Recording Academy, the organization responsible
18 for the Grammy Awards, established a Texas chapter to serve the
19 state's music community in 1998; one of 12 regional centers that
20 link the academy to its membership, the Texas chapter serves as a
21 catalyst to unite the state's music community and promote education
22 programs; moreover, it supports the Latin music industry in
23 partnership with the Latin Recording Academy; and

24 WHEREAS, Music plays an integral part in the economy of

1 Texas; nearly 150,000 jobs throughout the state are tied to the
2 music industry, and live festivals generate hundreds of millions of
3 dollars annually; in recognition of the importance of this
4 commercial sector, the Texas Legislature established the Texas
5 Music Office in 1991 to promote and support the state's music
6 industry; and

7 WHEREAS, The cultural and economic contributions of
8 musicians are essential to the vitality and prosperity of the Lone
9 Star State, and these talented men and women are indeed deserving of
10 recognition; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2013, as Texas Grammy
13 Music Day and celebrate the crucial role that the music industry
14 plays in the Lone Star State.