

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 2009, the Artisan Quartet of Austin has been
2 delighting audiences with its spirited performances of string
3 quartets by classical and contemporary composers, and the group is
4 being featured in two concerts during the 2012-2013 season of the
5 Austin Symphony; and

6 WHEREAS, The origins of this distinguished ensemble date back
7 to the late 1980s, when violinist Richard Kilmer and violist Bruce
8 Williams joined with two other musicians to form the Austin String
9 Quartet, which was then renamed the Camilli Quartet; over the next
10 few years, this lineup performed 40 of classical music's greatest
11 string quartets, ranging from pieces by Beethoven to Bartok; and

12 WHEREAS, After the two other members accepted positions
13 overseas, Mr. Kilmer and Mr. Williams continued to perform
14 informally with a variety of musicians as the Austin String
15 Quartet, and during those years, cellist Douglas Harvey became a
16 regular member of the group; and

17 WHEREAS, The Artisan Quartet was created in 2009 with the
18 addition of violinist Paula E. Bird, and since then, the group has
19 performed in many places around Central Texas, including the
20 Victoria Bach Festival, the Blanco Performing Arts Association
21 Concert Series, the Twilight Concert Series in Jonestown and Lago
22 Vista, the Saint Cecilia Music Series in Austin, and the Salon
23 Concert Series in San Antonio; in addition to the great Classical
24 era string quartets by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, the group

1 regularly plays pieces by the great Romantic composers Tchaikovsky,
2 Grieg, and Borodin, as well as modern works by Philip Glass and
3 Roberto Sierra; and

4 WHEREAS, In March 2012, the quartet made its Carnegie Hall
5 debut in New York, playing before a sold-out crowd in the Weill
6 Recital Hall Chamber and Solo Music Series, and members of the
7 ensemble are nearing the end of the two-year Genius at Play series,
8 in which they are performing a complete cycle of all the Beethoven
9 string quartets; during the 2012-2013 season of the Austin
10 Symphony, the Artisan Series is featuring these four gifted
11 musicians in two performances in the Smith Family Chapel at
12 Riverbend Church; and

13 WHEREAS, For the past four years, the Artisan String Quartet
14 has helped to show that Austin is indeed the Live Music Capital of
15 the World in more ways than one, and their stirring performances in
16 Austin, across Texas, and around the nation continue to add to their
17 growing reputation among classical music lovers everywhere; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Richard Kilmer, Bruce Williams, Douglas
21 Harvey, and Paula E. Bird of the Artisan Quartet for their talent
22 and dedication and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
23 success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 703

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 703 was adopted by the House on March 14, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House