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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Community orchestras contribute greatly to the
2 cultural richness of the Lone Star State, and in 2012, the
3 Brazosport Symphony Orchestra celebrated its 30th anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1982, Clayton Gilpin of the
5 Brazosport Music Theater and local musicians Jeralyn Friedli and
6 Margaret Davis met with Rice University conducting student Jim
7 Hagberg to discuss starting a community orchestra; and

8 WHEREAS, That summer, a group of student and local players
9 formed a small string ensemble and performed a well-received
10 concert under the direction of former high school orchestra
11 director Bill Atkerson; in the fall of 1982, Mr. Hagberg was hired
12 as the new group's conductor, to hold one rehearsal a week and three
13 concerts during the 1982-83 season, and in 1983, Ms. Friedli and
14 Linda Claiborne formed the symphony board of directors and the
15 Symphony League; and

16 WHEREAS, Composed of volunteer musicians from Brazosport and
17 nearby towns, the BSO today performs under the baton of Dr. John
18 Antonio Ricarte, who has been music director and conductor for
19 seven years; affiliated now with the Brazosport Center Stages, the
20 group performs six major concerts each year, including a family
21 concert, a pops concert, a holiday concert, and three subscription
22 concerts; and

23 WHEREAS, The BSO's repertoire varies from classical works to
24 Broadway favorites, and its performances have featured appearances

1 by both professional soloists and talented community soloists as
2 well as local choirs; since 2006, the orchestra has sponsored a
3 Young Artists Competition, the winner of which receives a
4 scholarship and a chance to play with the orchestra; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of Brazosport are indeed fortunate to
6 have this vibrant cultural institution in their midst to provide
7 entertainment and inspiration, and this special anniversary
8 represents a fitting opportunity to celebrate the contributions of
9 this superb orchestra; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra
12 on its 30th anniversary and extend to the symphony's conductor,
13 musicians, and board of directors sincere best wishes for continued
14 success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the orchestra as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.