

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society, a national
2 organization formerly known as the Society for the Preservation and
3 Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, is
4 celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, During the last half of the 19th century, the
6 barbershop served as a gathering place in many communities, and as
7 men waited their turn in the barber's chair, they often sang
8 together; over time, these informal performances developed into a
9 style of close, four-part, a cappella harmonizing; usually made up
10 of a bass, a lead singer, a baritone, and a tenor, the performers in
11 barbershop quartets came to be known for their matching boater
12 hats, striped vests, and colorful jackets, and many barbershop
13 songs became standards, including "Hello, My Baby," "Shine On,
14 Harvest Moon," and "Sweet Adeline"; and

15 WHEREAS, By the 1920s, the style ebbed in popularity, but in
16 1938, two men in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Owen Clifton Cash and Rupert Hall,
17 invited some other barbershop singers to join them for a singing
18 luncheon on the roof garden of the Tulsa Club on April 11, 1938;
19 although the 26 singers drew complaints from other club members for
20 their "noise," the meeting resulted in the creation of the
21 SPEBSQSA; and

22 WHEREAS, The organization has since grown to include nearly
23 25,000 members in 800 chapters in all 50 states and each of the 10
24 provinces of Canada, as well as 4,000 affiliate members in 10 other

1 countries; the society has been largely responsible for securing
2 the place of the barbershop style of singing in our musical
3 heritage, and all across the nation, amateur and professional
4 quartets and choruses continue to perform; famous barbershop
5 quartets include the Buffalo Bills, who made a memorable appearance
6 in the film *The Music Man*, and the Dapper Dans, who perform
7 regularly at Disneyland and Disney World and who have appeared on an
8 episode of *The Simpsons*; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 Texans are members of the Barbershop
10 Harmony Society, and the Lone Star State boasts 13 International
11 Chorus champions, including the 11-time champion Vocal Majority
12 from Dallas, as well as 8 International Quartet champions, 4
13 International presidents, 3 International Seniors Quartet
14 champions, and a Youth Chorus Festival winner; Texas has also been
15 the site of four International Conventions of the group; and

16 WHEREAS, One of the few distinctively American singing
17 styles, barbershop harmony continues to energize its practitioners
18 and delight audiences of all ages, and this special anniversary
19 represents a fitting opportunity to celebrate this unique art form;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize April 7 through 13, 2013, as
23 Barbershop Harmony Week in Texas.

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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. 1371

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1371 was adopted by the House on April 11, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House