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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Veterans Band of Corpus Christi is celebrating
2 its 27th anniversary June 2-3, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, This distinguished ensemble was founded on June 3,
4 1986, by Ram Chavez, a music educator and highly decorated veteran
5 of the United States Army; the band developed a reputation for both
6 musical talent and showmanship, and through the years, it has
7 performed at numerous high-profile events across Texas and beyond;
8 on Veterans Day in 1994, it played at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
9 in Washington, D.C., and it has also performed for President George
10 H. W. Bush in our nation's capital and for President Bill Clinton on
11 a visit to Brownsville; its services are much in demand at change of
12 command ceremonies for all branches of the military; and

13 WHEREAS, Under the direction of Mr. Chavez, this popular band
14 benefits by the ongoing contributions of 12 charter members who
15 continue to share their time and talents: John Earhart, Louis
16 Bazaldua, Albert Arzuaga, Ed Heskett, Robert Callejo, Frank De Los
17 Santos, Tom Dreyer, Juan Lugo, Rene Marroquin, Greg Mendoza,
18 Gabriel Escobar, and Larry Villareal; in addition, the ensemble
19 includes emeritus senior members Beto Rios and L. E. "Bubba"
20 Jacobs, and active members Bob Allen, Alex Muro, Alfonso Rivera,
21 Dan Carranza, George Torres, Rene Cantu, Richard Martinez, Juan
22 Ledesma, Kevin Aguilar-Ferreri, Jose Barrenties, Ernest Phillips,
23 Tilden Smith, Larry White, Mike Malloy, Adalberto "Beto" Palacios,
24 Tony Acevedo, Daniel Brown, Gilbert Luna, Dr. Rick Lazrate, Juan

1 Sanchez, Thomas Caldera, Fernando Cruz, Dennis Galloway, Escobedo
2 Jesse, Leo Garcia, Amos Griffin, Mark Johnson, Bill McClintock,
3 Terry Harris, Sisto Hernandez, and Robert Romero; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, the Veterans Band
5 of Corpus Christi has provided stirring musical accompaniment for
6 patriotic events and military ceremonies, and it is indeed fitting
7 to recognize these civic-minded musicians for their service; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 27th anniversary of the Veterans
11 Band of Corpus Christi and commend its members for their
12 outstanding contributions; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the band as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.