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H.R. No. 2883

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the Richardson Community Band
2 has been entertaining the people of Richardson, and for the past 30
3 years, conductor George W. Jones has led the band with skill and
4 distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded as the Richardson Community Brass Band in
6 the mid-1910s, the ensemble quickly became an essential part of the
7 community, regularly performing on the bandstand near East Main and
8 McKinney Streets; discontinued during both World Wars, the band was
9 started up again in 1970 by Joe Frank, the director of the
10 Richardson High School Band; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the group's 60 volunteers represent all walks
12 of life, from college students and teachers to business owners and
13 retirees, and they vary from beginners to players with four decades
14 of experience, all striving for the highest standard of
15 musicianship; committed to promoting the rich repertoire of the
16 brass and woodwind instruments, the band ends each of its concerts
17 with a piece by John Philip Sousa, and over the years they have
18 performed 125 of his 136 marches; and

19 WHEREAS, Conductor George W. Jones first worked with the band
20 as the summer replacement conductor in 1977, and he was permanently
21 appointed conductor in 1983; over the course of his exemplary
22 tenure, the band has grown in both ambition and acclaim; notably,
23 Mr. Jones began the series of outdoor concerts which has since
24 become an especially popular summer activity for families

1 throughout the region; and

2 WHEREAS, A music graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and
3 Southern Methodist University, Mr. Jones was a band director at
4 several schools in the Garland Independent School District for many
5 years, and since 1997, he has served as the district's director of
6 fine arts; in 2010, he was presented with the Richardson
7 Coalition's Real Heroes Award; and

8 WHEREAS, The community ensembles of Texas add to the cultural
9 richness and diversity of the Lone Star State, and the Richardson
10 Community Band has long delighted audiences from across the
11 Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend conductor George W. Jones and the
14 members of the Richardson Community Band for their artistic
15 contributions and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
16 success and happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the band as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.