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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Hinsley has greatly distinguished  
2 himself through his work as executive director of the Austin  
3 Classical Guitar Society; and

4           WHEREAS, A music educator and classically trained guitarist,  
5 Matt Hinsley attended Interlochen Arts Academy, the Oberlin  
6 Conservatory of Music, and The University of Texas at Austin;  
7 before being named executive director of the Austin Classical  
8 Guitar Society in 2003, he served as the organization's board  
9 president and founded its Community Concert Series, which he also  
10 directed from 1998 to 2002; and

11           WHEREAS, The ACGS began as a guitar club, with a small  
12 education program at McCallum High School staffed by volunteer  
13 music graduate students from UT; as the group began to grow, Dr.  
14 Hinsley recognized the need for a more formal curriculum, and he  
15 spent four years developing the system, which involves studying  
16 music theory, reading music, gaining technical skills, and  
17 rehearsing and performing; today, the society's full-time  
18 educators teach and train others to teach, and more than 1,500  
19 students from 30 area schools, including the Texas School for the  
20 Blind and Visually Impaired, are enrolled in the program;  
21 participants have earned awards at national guitar ensemble  
22 competitions as well as scholarships to continue their studies in  
23 college; moreover, the ACGS curriculum created by Dr. Hinsley is  
24 now used internationally; and

1           WHEREAS, One vital part of the program's education outreach  
2 is providing free instruments and lessons to low-income students  
3 who want to participate; in addition, Dr. Hinsley has fostered a  
4 partnership with the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center, where  
5 young men and women take for-credit ACGS music classes and can  
6 continue to study after their release with private lessons at no  
7 cost; and

8           WHEREAS, Through his creation and development of the ACGS  
9 program, Matt Hinsley has transformed classroom guitar education in  
10 Austin and in so doing, he has made a positive difference in the  
11 lives of thousands of young people in the Lone Star State; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Matthew Hinsley for his contributions  
15 to the community through the Austin Classical Guitar Society and  
16 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his  
17 important work; and, be it further

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