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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Janeen Drew Holmes Gilliam is retiring from the
2 Lubbock Symphony Orchestra in January 2015, drawing to a close an
3 association with the orchestra that has spanned nearly half a
4 century; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Lubbock, Janeen Gilliam first performed
6 with the LSO in 1965 while still a sophomore at Monterey High
7 School, and she continued to play with the orchestra while she
8 earned her bachelor's degree in music education from Texas Tech
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduation, Ms. Gilliam taught music in
11 elementary schools in Garland and Irving and performed
12 professionally with the Irving and San Antonio symphonies; in 1982,
13 she returned to Lubbock and joined the LSO again as principal
14 English horn and second oboe, and in the years since, she has become
15 one of the symphony's leading members; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Gilliam served on the orchestra's board from
17 1986 to 1999 and cofounded the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra,
18 which eventually grew to include several youth ensembles; in 1999,
19 she became the orchestra's interim executive director and helped
20 oversee the search for a permanent executive director and a new
21 conductor; and

22 WHEREAS, During these years, Ms. Gilliam also served as lead
23 administrator for the LSO Symphony School, working to develop the
24 orchestra's education department, which, thanks in large part to

1 her efforts, now includes the youth orchestra program and LSO
2 Suzuki Program, as well as All-State String Clinics and master
3 classes with LSO guest artists; and

4 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2007, Ms. Gilliam worked as coordinator
5 of admissions and scholarships at the Texas Tech University School
6 of Music, and after returning to the LSO to coordinate the 20th
7 anniversary celebration of the youth orchestra, she joined Texas
8 Tech again, serving for four and a half years as the assistant to
9 the music school's director, until her retirement; and

10 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Gilliam enjoys the love
11 and support of her husband, John Gilliam, and her daughters,
12 Jennifer, Stephanie, Elizabeth, and Reagan; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Gilliam's dedication, talent, and passion for
14 music have greatly benefited the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and
15 earned her the respect and admiration of her fellow musicians, and
16 she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well-spent as she
17 embarks upon the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Janeen Drew Holmes Gilliam on her
21 retirement from the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and extend to her
22 sincere best wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment; and,
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Ms. Gilliam as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.