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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Singer and songwriter Craig Wayne Boyd, who became a
2 fan favorite for his singing and musical versatility, won Season 7
3 of the popular television show *The Voice* on December 16, 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Mesquite, Mr. Boyd grew up
5 singing gospel and country music and learning a variety of
6 instruments; he was also active in his church, serving as the
7 congregation's choir director; in 2004, this talented young
8 musician moved to Nashville to pursue a professional career,
9 working as a songwriter, releasing two independent albums, and
10 touring with other performers; and

11 WHEREAS, After auditioning for *The Voice* with the Travis
12 Tritt and Marty Stuart song "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'," Mr. Boyd
13 continued to impress the judges and the viewing public with
14 standout renditions of such songs as the soul standard "Some Kind of
15 Wonderful," the Eagles' "Take It Easy," and Merle Haggard's "Workin'
16 Man Blues"; and

17 WHEREAS, Performing on Blake Shelton's team, Mr. Boyd
18 finally took top honors in the competition with three songs,
19 including his own composition "My Baby's Got a Smile on Her Face";
20 his performance of that song, along with his renditions of Johnny
21 Cash's "I Walk the Line" and the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross," placed
22 among the Top 10 on iTunes; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd's victory has won him a major-label
24 contract with Dot Records, and his career will reach new heights as

1 a special guest of country superstars Rascal Flatts during their
2 residency at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas during
3 February and March 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Craig Wayne Boyd's talent, creativity, and hard work
5 have brought him into the national spotlight, and he may indeed take
6 great pride in this achievement as he looks forward to a bright
7 future as a performing artist; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Craig Wayne Boyd for his victory on
10 *The Voice* and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

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