

By: Dukes

H.R. No. 2190

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Don T. Haynes Jr. is retiring as director of bands at  
2 LBJ High School in Austin in May 2015, concluding a distinguished  
3 career in education that has spanned 41 years; and

4           WHEREAS, An exceptionally gifted teacher, Don Haynes has led  
5 the school's bands since 1975, and his students have won numerous  
6 first-place awards at festivals in Texas, Florida, Oklahoma,  
7 California, and Colorado; the LBJ bands consistently take Division  
8 1 and sweepstakes honors in UIL marching and concert competitions,  
9 and the LBJ Marching Band has made five appearances in the UIL State  
10 Marching Band Contest; and

11           WHEREAS, The Jaguar Band has performed twice in London and  
12 once in Paris, and 150 band members toured China as musical  
13 ambassadors for a week in 2007; while instilling in his students a  
14 sense of discipline and a strong commitment to excellence,  
15 Mr. Haynes has demonstrated great kindness as well, giving  
16 youngsters rides when they lack transportation and even springing  
17 for lunch when they forget to bring food to summer band practices;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Frequently invited to conduct region bands,  
20 Mr. Haynes has also made guest appearances in New Mexico,  
21 Louisiana, and Florida; his vision guided the creation of the  
22 Capital City Marching Festival, now one of the state's top  
23 UIL-preparatory events; he is an active UIL adjudicator for concert  
24 and marching bands at all levels, and he has served on the UIL State

1 Sightreading Advisory Committee; in addition, he has benefited the  
2 Texas Music Educators Association in many leadership roles,  
3 including as a member of its advisory board, and he has served as  
4 president of the Texas Bandmasters Association; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2007, the Austin Independent School District  
6 board voted to name the new LBJ High School auditorium the Don T.  
7 Haynes Theater; moreover, Mr. Haynes is the recipient of the  
8 prestigious UIL Denius Award and the AISD African American Heritage  
9 Award, and his colleagues have selected him as Teacher of the Year  
10 four times; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator holds both a bachelor's  
12 degree in music and a master's degree in instrumental music  
13 conducting from The University of Texas at Austin; before joining  
14 the LBJ High School faculty, he was the assistant band director at  
15 Anderson High School for two years; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his long career, Don Haynes has served as  
17 an exemplary mentor and role model, and he has helped countless  
18 young Texans not only improve their skills as musicians but also  
19 develop confidence, character, and the positive focus they need to  
20 lead happy, productive lives; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Don T. Haynes Jr. on his retirement  
23 from LBJ High School and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
24 future; and, be it further

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