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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Violinist June Shipper retired from the Waco
2 Symphony Orchestra at the last concert of the 2014-2015 season,
3 concluding an extraordinary career with the ensemble that spanned
4 more than a half-century; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Kosse, June Shipper has drawn great
6 inspiration from music nearly all her life; she took piano lessons
7 as a child and later sang in her high school choir, and she went on
8 to pursue a bachelor's degree in music education at Baylor
9 University, where she first picked up the violin; she quickly
10 demonstrated an affinity for the instrument, and in 1963, she was
11 offered a position in the Waco Symphony Orchestra; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Ms. Shipper was a vital member of
13 the string section, and she experienced many treasured moments
14 playing alongside such revered virtuosos as violinists Isaac Stern,
15 Itzhak Perlman, and James Ehnes, as well as trumpeter Doc
16 Severinsen and vocalists Richard Tucker and Robert Merrill; she
17 earned the distinction of becoming the orchestra's longest-tenured
18 active member, and her final concert culminated in a standing
19 ovation from the audience in appreciation of her myriad
20 contributions to the ensemble; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to her career with the symphony, this
22 talented musician served as an orchestra instructor for the Waco
23 Independent School District until retiring in 2000, and she
24 continues to sing soprano in the St. Alban's Episcopal Church

1 Choir; and

2 WHEREAS, For 52 seasons, June Shipper gave masterful
3 performances with the Waco Symphony Orchestra, and she may indeed
4 reflect with pride on the immeasurable joy she brought to
5 generations of concertgoers; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate June Shipper on her retirement from
8 the Waco Symphony Orchestra and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Shipper as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.