

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 565

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of Houston's Percussion One, who will be participating in an international cultural exchange in Australia and serving as cultural ambassadors in July of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, The Percussion One Foundation was established by Lamar Burkhalter with the mission of teaching school-age percussionists to achieve high artistic standards; the organization stresses excellence in education and encourages discipline, self-confidence, and responsibility; the percussionists in the group are from high schools across the Houston area; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, Percussion One has performed with an array of notable groups, ranging from the classical Houston Symphony Orchestra to the cutting-edge Blue Man Group to the traditional country acts of Keith Urban and Shania Twain; it has also previously toured abroad in Russia and Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, The Australian tour will include the cities of Sydney and Melbourne, and Percussion One will have live performances and master classes at such venues as McKinnon Secondary College, the Australian Academy of Music, the Melbourne Marimba Festival, and the Sydney Opera House; and

**WHEREAS**, The Percussion One Foundation has provided countless opportunities and experiences for young people through the years, and the members of Percussion One have performed with excellence; it is truly fitting that the group receive special recognition as it undertakes its latest mission to represent our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the members of Percussion One on their commitment to excellence and extend to them best wishes for a memorable international cultural exchange tour in Australia; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these young musicians as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate