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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gerald Fagan of Livingston was inducted into the
2 Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame by the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu
3 International School Bandmaster Fraternity on July 22, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious honor recognizes retired Texas
5 band directors whose contributions have greatly benefited the
6 schools and communities in which they have worked; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Scottsville, Gerald Fagan demonstrated a
8 love for music from an early age, and in spite of a childhood polio
9 diagnosis that left him with physical limitations, he received a
10 music scholarship to Stephen F. Austin State University, where he
11 earned his bachelor's degree in 1964 and his master of arts degree
12 in 1973; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Fagan began his career as a band director in the
14 Big Sandy Independent School District and went on to lead programs
15 at schools in Joaquin, Troup, Hallsville, Hurst, Center, Rusk,
16 Cleveland, Tarkington, Corrigan, and Livingston; he spent much of
17 his career at small schools, where his talent for developing
18 underperforming bands into sweepstakes winners earned him the
19 nickname "The Miracle Worker"; and

20 WHEREAS, After 32 years as a music educator, Mr. Fagan
21 officially retired, but for another decade, he continued sharing
22 his time and expertise in various capacities with schools that had
23 lost their band director; he has also served as director of the
24 Livingston Swing Big Jazz Band as well as the Livingston Area

1 Community Band; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Fagan enjoys the love and
3 support of his wife, Bobbie Fagan; the couple are the proud parents
4 of six children, Susan, Sharon, Shelly, Jerry, Christy, and
5 Meredith; and

6 WHEREAS, A caring and dedicated mentor, Gerald Fagan has
7 inspired countless gifted young musicians to reach their full
8 artistic potential, and his numerous accomplishments indeed merit
9 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Gerald Fagan
12 on his induction into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame and extend
13 to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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