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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Recording Academy Texas Chapter are
2 visiting Austin on February 28, 2017, to celebrate Grammy Texas
3 Music Advocacy Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The birthplace of Texas country, Tejano, and other
5 distinctive styles, the Lone Star State has a history of producing
6 music in a vast range of genres, and such innovative artists as
7 Beyoncé, Gary Clark Jr., Flaco Jimenez, George Strait, and Willie
8 Nelson have all called Texas home; and

9 WHEREAS, To serve the state's vibrant music community, the
10 Recording Academy, the organization responsible for the Grammy
11 Awards, established a Texas chapter in 1998; at the 59th Annual
12 Grammy Awards in 2017, music professionals from Texas received 42
13 nominations and won 12 awards; and

14 WHEREAS, An integral part of the Texas economy, the music
15 industry is tied to more than 160,000 jobs throughout the state, and
16 each year, live music festivals generate hundreds of millions of
17 dollars in economic activity; as a reflection of its support for
18 this important commercial sector, the Texas Legislature created the
19 Texas Music Office, which opened its doors in 1990; and

20 WHEREAS, Representing the Recording Academy at Music
21 Advocacy Day are Texas Chapter governor Bernard "Bun B" Freeman,
22 president David Messier, secretary Andrea Villarreal, and voting
23 members Christine Albert, Ben Kweller, and Brian Courtney Wilson;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, The innovative music creators of the Lone Star State
2 are furthering an exceptional legacy of artistic achievement, and
3 in so doing, they are making a notable contribution to the culture
4 and economy of Texas; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Grammy Texas
7 Music Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
8 members of the Recording Academy Texas Chapter sincere best wishes
9 for a memorable and enjoyable event.