

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 325

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in celebrating February 28, 2017, as Grammy Texas Music Advocacy Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas has a unique musical heritage that is a source of cultural enrichment for people around the world; from Texas country music to Tejano music, the state has been the birthplace of a myriad of distinctive musical styles and home to musicians from every musical genre; and

**WHEREAS**, Live music festivals in Texas generate millions of dollars in economic activity each year, and more than 160,000 jobs across the state are related to the music industry; aware of the important contributions of musicians to the state, the Texas Legislature created the Texas Music Office to promote and support the state's culturally significant music industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas musical artists were nominated for 42 awards at the 59th Annual Grammy Awards and won 12 of the prestigious honors; in 1998, the Recording Academy, the organization responsible for the Grammy Awards, established a Texas chapter to serve the state's music community; and

**WHEREAS**, Among those who have contributed significantly to the Texas Chapter are Yolanda Adams, an award-winning gospel artist and the chapter governor from Houston; Kevin Russell, an Austin Music Hall of Fame Inductee and chapter governor from Austin; Paul Wall, a Grammy-nominated rap artist and chapter trustee from Houston; Ricky Anderson, an entertainment attorney and chapter governor from the Houston area; Sarah Jaffe, a musician and songwriter and chapter voting member from Denton; and Theresa Jenkins, the senior executive director of Grammys in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Music has been a vital part of the fabric of life in Texas since the state's founding, and it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to honor the state's musicians and their many achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Grammy Texas Music Advocacy Day and call on Texans to value and pay tribute to the men and women who create music in our state; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate