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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Khalid Donnel Robinson has earned great distinction for himself and his hometown of El Paso with his extraordinary success as a singer and songwriter; and

WHEREAS, Born into a military family, Khalid grew up in Germany, New York, and Texas; while still attending Americas High School in El Paso, he began producing his own music and posting songs to SoundCloud; in 2016, his debut single, "Location," became a charting hit, and the music video, which was filmed in and around El Paso, has received more than 316 million views on YouTube; and

WHEREAS, The following year, Khalid released his first album, *American Teen*, which includes such songs as "Young Dumb & Broke," "Let's Go," and "Coaster," as well as the first song he ever wrote, "Saved"; designed to evoke a day in the life of an average teenager at high school, the album has gone platinum and earned rave reviews from the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, *Billboard*, and *NYLON*; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic young R&B artist has performed on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and *The Today Show*; he won MTV's Woodie to Watch Award at the SXSW music conference in Austin, and his first tour as a headliner sold out every date in the United States and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Only 20 years old, Khalid has already been nominated for five Grammy Awards, and he has won an MTV Video Music Award for Best New Artist, a Billboard Music Award for Top New Artist, a BMI Pop Award for "1-800-273-8255," and a Teen Choice Award for Choice R&B/Hip-Hop Artist; in addition, he was named Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist at the 2018 American Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, A defining voice for a new generation, Khalid has made a remarkable debut, winning fans all over the world, and his talent, charm, and discipline promise to take him to even greater heights; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Khalid Donnel Robinson on a successful career in the music industry and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Khalid as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.