

By: Dean

H.R. No. 378

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David Varnado has distinguished himself over the  
2 course of a long career as a country music fiddler, winning many  
3 accolades along the way; and

4           WHEREAS, A Port Arthur native, David Varnado started playing  
5 the fiddle when he was only five, and he went on to study with Cajun  
6 player Rufus Thibodeaux and country great Johnny Gimble; he began  
7 touring with Jo-El Sonnier in his teens and later joined Ty  
8 England's band; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Varnado performed at the Grand Ole Opry during a  
10 five-year stint with Johnny Paycheck and a subsequent decade-long  
11 tenure with the legendary Loretta Lynn; he later played with Chris  
12 Ledoux; over the years, he has backed many of the biggest names in  
13 country music at awards shows, concerts, and other events; in 2018,  
14 he was named Fiddler of the Year at both the Texas Country Music  
15 Awards and the East Texas Music Awards; and

16           WHEREAS, Through his musical talent, David Varnado has  
17 brought joy to innumerable people, and he may indeed take pride in  
18 his professional achievements; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby honor David Varnado for his accomplishments in  
21 music and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;  
22 and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mr. Varnado as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.