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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The veteran performers Cavin Yarbrough and Alisa  
2 Peoples Yarbrough are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their hit  
3 song "Don't Stop the Music," and on November 6, 2021, they are being  
4 honored by the Black Academy of Arts and Letters in Dallas; and

5           WHEREAS, Cavin Yarbrough and Alisa Peoples first met as  
6 children, when they were both taking lessons from the same music  
7 teacher in Dallas, and they also attended the same church, where  
8 they each sang solos with the choir; steeped in gospel music,  
9 Ms. Peoples performed with her family's group, the Peoples Singers,  
10 and with a community choir, the Chorale Ensemble; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough embarked on a career as a musician,  
12 touring with Leon Russell, playing keyboards and singing with the  
13 band Grand Theft, and performing as a backup singer for Robert,  
14 Ronnie, and Charlie Wilson of the Gap Band; and

15           WHEREAS, Returning to Dallas, Mr. Yarbrough reconnected with  
16 Ms. Peoples, and the duo recorded several demo records; Charlie  
17 Wilson introduced them to Lonnie Simmons of Total Experience  
18 Records, and as Yarbrough and Peoples, the couple released five  
19 albums, which included several top 10 singles such as "Guilty" and  
20 "I Wouldn't Lie"; and

21           WHEREAS, Released in 1981, Yarbrough and Peoples' biggest hit  
22 was "Don't Stop the Music," a mainstay in the soul, R&B, and funk  
23 canon; a dance floor smash in the year of its release, it has been  
24 covered and sampled by such artists as TLC and Puff Daddy; it was

1 nominated for a Grammy and earned a Jack the Rapper Award, as well  
2 as several BMI Awards; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough and Ms. Peoples were married in 1987,  
4 and they continue to write, produce, and perform today, appearing  
5 in concerts, television programs, and stage plays; and

6 WHEREAS, With their distinctive sound and infectious beat,  
7 Yarbrough and Peoples made an indelible impact with "Don't Stop the  
8 Music," and they may indeed take great pride in their continuing  
9 influence on generations of younger performers; now, therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 40th  
13 anniversary of "Don't Stop the Music" and extend to Cavin Yarbrough  
14 and Alisa Peoples Yarbrough sincere best wishes for the future;  
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough as an expression of high regard  
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.