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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Tolar High School band has been invited by the mayor of Honolulu, Hawaii, to represent the State of Texas at remembrance day ceremonies on the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, On that day in 1941, the Japanese military launched a devastating surprise attack on the United States Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, sinking or damaging eight battleships and killing more than 2,400 Americans; called "a date which will live in infamy" by President Franklin Roosevelt, the attack resulted in the entry of the United States into World War II, which ended with the surrender of Japan in September 1945; and

WHEREAS, The 80th anniversary of this historic event is being marked on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and will include a series of commemorative concerts from December 4 through 8, 2021; the only high school band from Texas to be invited, the Tolar Rattler Band will take part in an official military wreath-laying ceremony at the USS *Arizona* Memorial and an official flag-folding ceremony at the USS *Missouri* Memorial; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the Tolar High band has achieved notable success; in 2015 and 2017, the band advanced to the finals of the University Interscholastic League 2A State Marching Contest, and it made the area round of marching in 2019; the band has also earned sweepstakes awards each year from 2015 to 2019, and many of its members have made the area round of all-region and received superior ratings as solo performers or as part of ensembles; and

WHEREAS, The Tolar High School band's invitation to perform at the 80th anniversary commemoration of Pearl Harbor represents a considerable achievement by these skilled and dedicated young musicians, and it is a pleasure to join in recognizing their participation in this milestone event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Tolar High School band on its invitation to participate in the Pearl Harbor 80th anniversary commemoration ceremonies and extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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