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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston-based band the Fab 5 has delighted local
2 music fans for more than three decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Formed in 1990 by Glen Anthony Sattel, Greg Lewis,
4 Dwaine Abraham, and Bill Staats, the Fab 5 pays tribute to the
5 British Invasion and other 1960s rock 'n' roll music; the founding
6 members broke off from a larger '60s band, the Sign of the Times,
7 which focused on the Motown catalogue and other R&B songs of the
8 era; and

9 WHEREAS, The Fab 5 rehearsed for months and hired on drummer
10 Rod Robert before giving its first performance at Scoma's Italian
11 Restaurant in The Woodlands in August 1991; they earned \$100, all
12 the spaghetti they could eat, and all the tea they could drink; and

13 WHEREAS, Limitless pasta proved a favorable omen for
14 longevity, and while the group that inspired their name, the
15 Beatles, broke up after only about a decade, the Fab 5 can now claim
16 to have persevered much, much longer, with a few lineup changes
17 along the way; the band today includes Rod Robert, along with Chuck
18 Essick on guitar and bass, Joe Baiardi on bass and guitar, Danny
19 Kristensen on guitar, Jimmy Dell on keyboards, and everybody
20 pitching in on vocals; and

21 WHEREAS, The Fab 5's repertoire includes songs by the Rolling
22 Stones, Rascals, Bee Gees, and others, as well as the Beatles; the
23 musicians play vintage instruments and sport Carnaby Street
24 fashions to maintain the nostalgic vibe; in 2007, the Fab 5 was

1 listed as one of the top '60s tribute bands in America by England's
2 New Musical Express magazine, and closer to home, it received the
3 "Best Tribute/Cover Band" award in the Houston Press five years in a
4 row; and

5 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Fab 5 has had the good fortune
6 to share the stage with such national acts as Billy Gibbons of ZZ
7 Top, Foghat, Blue Oyster Cult, Motley Crue, Three Dog Night,
8 Steppenwolf, the Beach Boys, America, the Turtles, the Temptations,
9 Peter Noone & Herman's Hermits, the Grass Roots, Johnny Rivers,
10 Tommy James & the Shondells, Chubby Checker, Gary Lewis & The
11 Playboys, Little Richard, Paul Revere & the Raiders, and many more;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Live music is a vital component of the Houston
14 cultural scene, and the Fab 5 has made valuable contributions for
15 more than 30 years, a record that few bands can claim; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor the Fab 5 for its accomplishments and
19 extend to the members sincere best wishes for continued success;
20 and, be it further

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