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H.R. No. 1140

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Tolar High band has achieved
20 notable success; in 2015 and 2017, the band advanced to the finals
21 of the University Interscholastic League 2A State Marching Contest,
22 and it made the area round of marching in 2019; the band has also
23 earned sweepstakes awards each year from 2015 to 2019, and many of
24 its members have made the area round of all-region and received

1 superior ratings as solo performers or as part of ensembles; and

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

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

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