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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, While distinguishing himself as a rising star in
2 popular music, R&B singer Khalid has won the heartfelt appreciation
3 of countless Texans through his generosity toward his adopted
4 hometown of El Paso; and

5 WHEREAS, Khalid Robinson, who was born in Fort Stewart,
6 Georgia, moved frequently as a child due to his mother's military
7 career, which eventually took the family to Fort Bliss in El Paso;
8 there, he began recording music as a student at Americas High School
9 and soon obtained a contract with major record label RCA; and

10 WHEREAS, Three months after his high school graduation,
11 Khalid made his commercial debut with the love ballad "Location,"
12 which he followed up with the free-spirited anthem "Young Dumb &
13 Broke"; the chart-dominating success of the two singles sealed his
14 reputation as a burgeoning talent in the pop music scene, and he
15 went on to create hits such as "Love Lies," "Eastside," "Talk," and
16 "1-800-237-8255"; earning nominations for Best R&B Song, Best Urban
17 Contemporary Album, and Song of the Year, he was also among the
18 Grammy nominees for Best New Artist in 2017 and Record of the Year
19 in 2019 for "Talk"; and

20 WHEREAS, As he achieves his dreams of musical superstardom,
21 Khalid has continued giving back to his beloved community of El
22 Paso, a place he credits with providing him with a sense of
23 belonging in his younger years; on August 3, 2019, tragedy struck
24 the city when a mass shooting at a Walmart store claimed the lives

1 of 23 people; on September 1, 2019, Khalid held a benefit concert
2 called "A Night for Suncity" that raised \$500,000 for an education
3 fund for the victims' families; and

4 WHEREAS, Khalid's organization, The Great Khalid Foundation,
5 has funded a range of other programs that have provided school
6 supplies to local students, distributed Christmas gifts to
7 underprivileged children, and awarded scholarships to graduating
8 high school seniors; in honor of Khalid's charitable contributions
9 to the city, he was chosen by *El Paso Times* readers as the Newsmaker
10 of the Year for 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, Khalid has brought immense pride to El Paso through
12 his musical achievements and through his inspiring commitment to
13 uplifting El Pasoans in need, and it is a pleasure to join his many
14 fans in recognizing this exceptionally talented and accomplished
15 young man; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Khalid for his philanthropic and
18 charitable work in behalf of the El Paso community and extend to him
19 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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