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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Eddie Durham Jazz Fest took place in San Marcos  
2 on October 21, 2023; and

3           WHEREAS, A native of San Marcos, the late Eddie Durham was a  
4 gifted jazz guitarist, trombonist, composer, and arranger who  
5 attained great success in the 1930s and 1940s, during the swing era;  
6 he is credited with being the first person to record an amplified  
7 guitar and pioneered the use of the electric guitar in jazz music;  
8 moreover, his skill in writing and arranging music contributed to  
9 the careers of such iconic artists as Glen Miller, Bennie Moten,  
10 Count Basie, and Jimmie Lunceford; and

11           WHEREAS, Hosted by the Calaboose African American History  
12 Museum, the 2023 Eddie Durham Jazz Fest featured a free concert  
13 hosted by Kory Cook, the managing director of jazz station  
14 KRTU 91.7 in San Antonio; performers included the Texas State Jazz  
15 Ensemble, the Central Texas Women of Jazz, Indigo Soul with Sonia  
16 Love, Morris Nelms and the Calaboose Players, and the Joe Morales  
17 Quartet; and

18           WHEREAS, Through his many contributions to the jazz genre,  
19 Eddie Durham played an important role in the rich musical heritage  
20 of the Lone Star State, and the Eddie Durham Jazz Fest is a fitting  
21 tribute to his proud legacy; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
23 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2023 Eddie  
24 Durham Jazz Fest and extend to all those associated with the event

1 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the Calaboose African American History Museum as an  
4 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.