

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas native Jack Ingram has been selected for  
2 induction into the Texas Songwriters Hall of Fame as a member of the  
3 Class of 2024; and

4           WHEREAS, Each year, the Texas Heritage Songwriters  
5 Association holds an annual hall of fame awards ceremony to  
6 recognize songwriters who represent the spirit of the Lone Star  
7 State; and

8           WHEREAS, One of the most successful artists to emerge from  
9 the 1990s "Texas Country" scene, Jack Owen Ingram grew up in The  
10 Woodlands loving country music but did not begin playing guitar and  
11 writing songs until his freshman year at Southern Methodist  
12 University; early in his career, he cut his teeth at Adair's Saloon,  
13 an institution of the Deep Ellum entertainment district, and he and  
14 his band quickly gained a reputation across the state for their  
15 charismatic live performances; at the age of 22, he self-released  
16 his debut, *Jack Ingram*, featuring takes on Willie Nelson and Robert  
17 Earl Keen tunes as well as the original "Beat Up Ford," a song that  
18 would become an anthem to a generation of Texas country music fans;  
19 he cemented his status as one of the state's most promising  
20 songwriters with his subsequent albums, *Lonesome Questions* and *Live*  
21 *at Adair's*, which sold tens of thousands of copies despite a lack of  
22 major label support; and

23           WHEREAS, Warner Music Group signed Mr. Ingram to its Rising  
24 Tide offshoot in 1996, and he recorded *Livin' or Dyin'* with the

1 support of legendary Texas songwriter Steve Earle; the label folded  
2 shortly after releasing the album, and he was then picked up by  
3 Sony's Lucky Dog imprint, where he released *Hey You* in 1999 and  
4 *Electric* in 2002, albums widely regarded as two of his best; he  
5 scored a number one country single with "Wherever You Are," in 2005,  
6 and his eighth studio album, *Big Dreams & High Hopes*, featured the  
7 top-10 hit, "Barefoot and Crazy"; in the following decade, he found  
8 further success with *Midnight Motel*, one of his most personal and  
9 heartfelt efforts; *The Marfa Tapes*, his 2021 release with Miranda  
10 Lambert and Jon Randall, was nominated for a Grammy Award for best  
11 country album; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Ingram has given generously of  
13 his time and talents to countless charitable groups, and his work as  
14 part of Mack, Jack, and McConaughey with former football coach Mack  
15 Brown and actor Matthew McConaughey has raised millions of dollars  
16 for children's causes; a mentor to younger artists, Mr. Ingram is  
17 also a supporter of Texas Songwriter U, an annual program  
18 consisting of a songwriting competition, an educational workshop,  
19 and a showcase event; and

20 WHEREAS, With his beautifully crafted songs that exemplify  
21 the independent spirit of Texas music, Jack Ingram has earned a  
22 special place in the pantheon of singer-songwriters from the Lone  
23 Star State, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor;  
24 now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Jack Ingram on his selection as a  
27 2024 inductee into the Texas Songwriters Hall of Fame and extend to

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

2       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Mr. Ingram as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
4 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2357

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2357 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House