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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Raymondville Early College High School Bearkat
2 Band has been named the 2026 3A Honor Band by the Texas Music
3 Educators Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in the late 1950s, the TMEA Honor Band
5 program annually recognizes groups and instructors that have
6 exemplified the highest standards of music education and
7 performance; designation as an Honor Band is one of the highest
8 recognitions that a music program in Texas can achieve; and

9 WHEREAS, The Raymondville Bearkat Band was selected as the
10 Honor Band in the 3A class; during the competition, the ensemble
11 achieved the rare distinction of receiving first-place rankings
12 from all five judges in both the semifinal and final rounds; in
13 addition, the band has been invited to perform at the TMEA
14 Convention in San Antonio in February 2026; these talented young
15 Texans benefit from the able leadership of director Benjamin
16 Keltner and assistant director Leonel Barrera; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the tremendous skill and dedication of its
18 members, the Raymondville Bearkat Band has proven itself worthy of
19 this prestigious honor, and it is truly a privilege to commend the
20 group for its outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
23 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the
24 Raymondville Early College High School Bearkat Band on being named

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1 the 2026 3A Honor Band by the Texas Music Educators Association and
2 extend to all those involved in the program sincere best wishes for
3 continued success; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the ensemble as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.