

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Purple Songs Can Fly was recently awarded a \$10,000
2 Arts Create grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 2006 by executive director Anita Kruse,
4 Purple Songs Can Fly is a nonprofit Houston-based organization that
5 provides a musical outlet for children being treated for cancer and
6 blood disorders at Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers;
7 in this unique program, the patients and their siblings work with
8 professional singer-songwriters in an in-hospital recording studio
9 to write and record their original songs; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the group's many initiatives are
11 collaborations with VoiceAmerica Kids Network and members of the
12 Houston Symphony; in addition, CDs of the children's songs have
13 been taken across the globe and into outer space, with destinations
14 including the summit of Mount Everest, the undersea site of the RMS
15 *Titanic*, a world tour with the Rolling Stones, and two space shuttle
16 missions; moreover, in 2015, the first Purple Songs Can Fly
17 musical, *Journey To Hope*, was created and performed by six
18 long-term survivors, and it is now an award-winning documentary;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, By inspiring children to express their innermost
21 thoughts and dreams through music, Purple Songs Can Fly has made a
22 positive impact on the lives of countless young Texans and their
23 families, and the funding provided by the Texas Commission on the
24 Arts will help the organization to continue their important work;

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1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Purple Songs Can Fly on its receipt
4 of an Arts Create grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts and
5 extend to all those involved with the group sincere best wishes for
6 the future.

Johnson

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 776 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House