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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime Houston radio personality Josh "Rowdy
2 Yates" Holstead is being inducted into the Country Radio Hall of
3 Fame in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 21, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth, Josh Holstead is the son of famed
5 radio news journalist Joe Holstead, and he dreamed of following in
6 his father's footsteps; as a boy, he practiced spinning records
7 while using a hairbrush as an imaginary microphone, and he spent
8 hours working on diction and enunciation; he got his first job at
9 the age of 15, when Denton radio station KDNT hired him to run the
10 church tapes on Sunday mornings; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Holstead began his career at a station in
12 Bridgeport; after working in a number of markets, including New
13 Orleans and Oklahoma City, he became a highly rated radio
14 personality in College Station; he got his major-market break at
15 Houston station KIKK in the mid-1990s, and at their request, he
16 chose Rowdy Yates as his on-air nickname; he went on to a noteworthy
17 16-year tenure with powerhouse station KILT and launched a
18 nationally syndicated weekend show, *Country Gold*; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2011, Mr. Holstead's wife accepted a position in
20 Oklahoma, and he spent six years as a morning personality with KVOO
21 in Tulsa; he now lives in Richmond and airs on more than 200
22 stations, hosting two syndicated shows, *Rowdy Ride Home* and the
23 long-running *Original Country Gold with Rowdy Yates*, which ranks as
24 country music's top listener-request show; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Holstead is the recipient of numerous
2 accolades; while in Tulsa, he was named the Academy of Country Music
3 Medium Market On-Air Personality of the Year; he won Best Morning
4 Show in the Country Radio Broadcasters/Country Aircheck Awards;
5 moreover, he was the youngest inductee of the Texas Radio Hall of
6 Fame, and today, he serves as director emeritus of that
7 organization; and

8 WHEREAS, While delighting countless country music fans as DJ
9 Rowdy Yates, Josh Holstead has also earned the lasting respect and
10 admiration of his peers, and he is truly deserving of this
11 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Josh "Rowdy Yates" Holstead on his
14 induction into the Country Radio Hall of Fame and extend to him
15 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Holstead as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.