

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy are gathering in Austin on February 18, 2025, in celebration of the unique musical heritage of our state; and

WHEREAS, The birthplace of such distinctive styles as Texas country and Tejano, the Lone Star State has produced culturally significant artists in every musical genre; at the Recording Academy's 67th annual Grammy Awards and 25th annual Latin Grammy Awards, Texas nominees and winners across multiple categories included Beyoncé, Erykah Badu, Kirk Franklin, Post Malone, Charley Crockett, Yolanda Adams, Khruangbin, Sue Foley, Ruthie Foster, Sangeeta Kaur, Israel and New Breed, Jamestown Revival, Shauna and Sarah Dodds, Grupo Frontera, Intocable, and El Plan, along with many who work behind the scenes, among them producers, engineers, and songwriters; and

WHEREAS, A number of Texas artists have been honored in recent years with the prestigious Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award, including Corpus Christi native Selena Quintanilla-Perez and Dallas-Fort Worth native DJ Spinderella as a member of Salt-N-Pepa; in addition, Texas claimed back-to-back recipients of the academy's Music Educator of the Year Award with 2023 honoree Pamela Dawson, director of choral music at DeSoto High School, and 2022 winner Stephen Cox, director of bands for Advanced Learning Academy and Fox Tech and CAST Tech High Schools in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1998, the Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy is dedicated to advancing music education, which enriches the lives of countless students, and promoting an industry that generates tens of billions of dollars for the

state; tied to an estimated 210,000-plus jobs, the economic sector is also supported by the efforts of the Texas Music Office, created by the Texas Legislature for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, The music industry enhances the prosperity of the Lone Star State and contributes significantly to the vibrancy of American culture, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge its important role; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize February 18, 2025, as Texas Music Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes for continued success to the members of the Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy.

Alvarado

Blanco
Campbell
Cook

Flores
Gutierrez
Hancock

Hinojosa of Hidalgo
Hinojosa of Nueces
Johnson

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate