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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

15 WHEREAS, A number of Texas artists have been honored in
16 recent years with the prestigious Recording Academy Lifetime
17 Achievement Award, including Corpus Christi native Selena
18 Quintanilla-Perez and Dallas-Fort Worth native DJ Spinderella as a
19 member of Salt-N-Pepa; in addition, Texas claimed back-to-back
20 recipients of the academy's Music Educator of the Year Award with
21 2023 honoree Pamela Dawson, director of choral music at DeSoto High
22 School, and 2022 winner Stephen Cox, director of bands for Advanced
23 Learning Academy and Fox Tech and CAST Tech High Schools in San
24 Antonio; and

1 WHEREAS, Established in 1998, the Texas Chapter of the
2 Recording Academy is dedicated to advancing music education, which
3 enriches the lives of countless students, and promoting an industry
4 that generates tens of billions of dollars for the state; tied to an
5 estimated 210,000-plus jobs, the economic sector is also supported
6 by the efforts of the Texas Music Office, created by the Texas
7 Legislature for that purpose; and

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

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