## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Aaron Barker is a participant in the Texas
Songwriter Showcase taking place February 21, 2007, in Austin, and
this event provides an opportunity to reflect on his remarkable
success in the country music industry; and

WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio, Aaron Barker began his music career in a variety band when he was 13 years old; he later tried his hand at songwriting, and his first attempt, "Baby Blue," was recorded by George Strait in 1988 and went to number one on the Billboard charts; and

WHEREAS, Playing in small clubs and cafes, Mr. Barker worked at refining his songwriting skills and wrote another hit for George Strait; this time, his song "Love Without End, Amen" remained at the top spot on the Billboard charts for five consecutive weeks, and more success was on the way; he penned the hit songs "Easy Come, Easy Go," "I'd Like To Have That One Back," "I Know She Still Loves Me," and "I Can Still Make Cheyenne" for George Strait, "Watch This" for Clay Walker, "Love Happens Like That" for Neal McCoy, "I'm Leavin'" for Aaron Tippin, and "What About Now" for Lonestar; and

WHEREAS, Finding success beyond the music charts, Mr. Barker produced a gift book about his smash hit "Love Without End, Amen," which explored the timeless theme of unconditional love between parent and child; the book included an introduction by George Strait and an accompanying CD of the song; Mr. Barker also wrote and sang a number of Blue Bell Ice Cream commercial spots, revealing his

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- 1 knack for creating advertising jingles; and
- WHEREAS, Aaron Barker's songs are reflections of his own
- 3 experiences as well as those of people he has known, and the
- 4 compositions reflect his talent for conveying honesty and heartfelt
- 5 emotion; he has established himself as a songwriter of remarkable
- 6 depth and power, and it is a pleasure to feature him in this
- 7 performance of Texas songsmiths; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 9 hereby honor Aaron Barker for being part of the Texas Songwriter
- 10 Showcase and commend him for bringing further acclaim to the
- 11 illustrious musical reputation of the Lone Star State; and, be it
- 12 further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. Barker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 103 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the Hous

I certify that H.C.R. No. 103 was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

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