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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Comedian Ron White is visiting the Texas Capitol on
2 April 27, 2009, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome this
3 illustrious star of stage and screen; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Fritch, Mr. White moved to Deer Park with
5 his family in elementary school; after a brief stint in the Navy as
6 a teenager, he embarked on a series of jobs, including selling storm
7 windows in Arlington, before finding his niche as an entertainer;
8 he paid his dues in small comedy clubs for 13 years, honing his act,
9 until his friend Jeff Foxworthy asked him to join a new venture; and

10 WHEREAS, The Blue Collar Comedy Tour became a blockbuster;
11 featuring Mr. Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, Larry the Cable Guy, and Mr.
12 White, it played to sold-out crowds in more than 90 cities during
13 2000-2003 and grossed in excess of \$15 million; the film of the tour
14 played in theaters and later became the highest-rated movie ever on
15 Comedy Central; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2003, Mr. White released his first solo comedy
17 CD, *Drunk in Public*, which sold more than 500,000 copies, and Comedy
18 Central aired his first one-hour comedy special, *They Call Me Tater*
19 *Salad*; the companion DVD has reached multi-platinum status in
20 sales, and Mr. White scored another hit with his subsequent special
21 for the WB network, *The Ron White Show*; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. White returned to Texas to film *You Can't Fix*
23 *Stupid* at the Majestic Theater in Dallas in 2006, and the one-hour
24 program earned the third-largest audience in Comedy Central

1 history, with 4.5 million viewers; the CD of the same name
2 immediately reached No. 14 on *Billboard* magazine's pop chart and
3 reigned in the top spot on its comedy chart for nine consecutive
4 weeks; Mr. White was also nominated for two Grammy awards that year
5 for *You Can't Fix Stupid* and *Blue Collar Comedy Tour - One for the*
6 *Road*; his book *Ron "Tater Salad" White: I Had the Right to Remain*
7 *Silent . . . But I Didn't Have the Ability* debuted at No. 15 on the
8 *New York Times* bestseller list; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. White has been a popular
10 guest on all the major late-night talk shows; he has recently worked
11 on a sitcom pilot for HBO and an independent film, *Demoted*, in
12 addition to a forthcoming stand-up special; this gifted entertainer
13 continues to bring laughter and mirth into the lives of countless
14 fans, and although a vicious Internet rumor claims he now resides in
15 Atlanta, the Lone Star State has clearly inspired more of his
16 material, which fills us all with pride; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize April 27, 2009, as Ron White Day and
19 extend best wishes to this esteemed Texan for continued success in
20 his endeavors; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. White as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.