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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Musicians, music fans, and activists are joining forces to address a critical issue at the Roky Erickson Ice Cream Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert, which is taking place March 15, 2007, at Threadgill's World Headquarters in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored in part by the Coalition for the Abolition of Electroshock in Texas, this event focuses attention on the use of electroshock or electroconvulsive therapy as a form of psychiatric treatment; and

WHEREAS, The concert features an impressive lineup of performers from Texas and other states, including rock legend Roky Erickson, who first made his name as a member of the influential 1960s band the 13th Floor Elevators; a fitting headliner for this consciousness-raising event, Roky Erickson was subjected to electroshock treatments while committed to a state hospital in the late 1960s and early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Also appearing will be J. T. Van Zandt, the son of the late Townes Van Zandt, a famous Texas songwriter who, likewise, underwent electroconvulsive therapy; well-known Austin artist Jim Franklin is another electroshock survivor and has designed the poster for the Rock to Ban Shock Concert; and

WHEREAS, Texas is a state that has produced many great musicians, and it is also blessed with a population that takes a keen interest in issues of social importance; the Roky Erickson Ice Cream Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert is an exciting mix of music and public expression that promises to be an engaging, educational, and inspiring gathering for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby recognize the Roky Erickson Ice Cream Social/Rock to Ban Shock Concert and extend best wishes to the participants and performers for a successful and enjoyable event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the organizers as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

