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## **House Bill 2079 on its way to the Governors' desk for signing**

AUSTIN, TX – State Representative Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) passed legislation relating to the promotion of tourism related to the musical heritage of the State of Texas.

House Bill 2079 proposes a framework for Texas music history within the Texas Historical Commission's existing Texas Heritage Trails Program. The Heritage Trails program targets heritage tourists using the [www.TexasTimeTravel.com](http://www.TexasTimeTravel.com) websites with tours and apps directed to mobile devices. Texas Heritage Trails Program works with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

"This legislation will help create a virtual roadmap and itineraries to guide tourists to music destinations throughout the State of Texas as well as our South Texas region. This is a great way of promoting tourism, creating economic development and highlighting our vibrant music culture," said Rep. Hunter.

"Music plays a vital role in telling the story of Corpus Christi as well as the rich culture of South Texas," said Paulette Kluge, CEO of the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We are grateful for this new legislation that will create the framework that would promote the entire state's music history in a cohesive manner".

### **About Rep. Hunter**

Todd A. Hunter was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on August 26, 1953. He attended the University of Kansas and Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Hunter has practiced law since November 1978 and is currently a partner of Hunter, Barker & Fancher, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Todd and his wife, Alexis Taylor Hunter, have three children: Todd Jr., Michael and Christina.

In 2016, Representative Hunter was elected to his 9th term. His key issues are Windstorm, Cruise Ship Development, Water, Workforce Development, Anti-Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Hunter has lived in the Coastal Bend since 1978 and has served as a State Representative for Nueces, San Patricio, Aransas, Calhoun, Jackson and Refugio counties.

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