

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 500

WHEREAS, A colossal version of *I Am Texas*, which holds the Guinness World Record for the largest published book in the world, is visiting the Texas Capitol on May 2, 2023, as part of the Lonestar book tour; and

WHEREAS, An ode to Texas from a child's perspective, *I Am Texas* contains stories, poetry, and art from 1,000 students in 3rd through 12th grade from more than 80 school districts across the state; the book is based on the bestselling *Ordinary People Change the World* series by author Brad Meltzer and illustrator Christopher Eliopoulos and was created through a collaboration between iWRITE Literacy Organization and the Bryan Museum in Galveston; and

WHEREAS, Spanning 7 by 11 feet and weighing nearly 500 pounds, this enormous text was officially named the largest published book in the world by Guinness World Records in Houston on November 5, 2022; the 2023 book tour also includes stops at the Alamo, Stark Museum, Schreiner University, and the Dallas Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, *I Am Texas* celebrates the story of the Lone Star State through the eyes of the next generation of Texans, and those who helped bring this Texas-sized project to fruition are indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize *I Am Texas* on being named the largest published book in the world by Guinness World Records and commend all those involved in the book's creation.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate