

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534

WHEREAS, Retired Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff artist Clemente Guzman III continues to distinguish himself through his outstanding depictions of our great state; and

WHEREAS, Raised in a family of nine children, Clemente Guzman grew up in San Antonio and Minnesota, where his family worked as migrant farm workers; his father instilled in him a profound appreciation for nature, and he was also inspired by the wildlife art he saw in local galleries; after earning a diploma in commercial art at Mankato Technical Institute, he returned to San Antonio and took a job in day care while beginning his career as a freelance artist, mostly for ad agencies; one client was so impressed by his vivid likenesses of wildlife that she arranged an interview with TPWD; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guzman joined TPWD in 1988, and he spent nearly three decades creating beautiful art and graphics for a wide variety of purposes, from game stamps, posters, and conservation license plates to bird guides, brochures, and of course, Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine; along the way, he also fit in some freelance projects, and he has continued to produce exceptional work since his retirement in 2017; he provided the cover illustration for *Viva Texas Rivers! Adventures, Misadventures, and Glimpses of Nirvana along Our Storied Waterways*, published by Texas A&M University Press; in addition, he was featured in the related group exhibition at the Wittliff Collections at Texas State University, and he was the poster artist for the 2021 Texas Book Festival; TPWD commissioned from

him paintings of three state parks for a book celebrating the agency's centennial, *Art of Texas Parks*, and an exhibition that will travel to the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Bullock Museum in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Through his tremendous talent, Clemente Guzman has won the admiration of countless people and heightened their appreciation for the wildlife and natural beauty of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby honor Texas Centennial Artist Clemente Guzman III for his artistic achievements and contributions to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Guzman as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate