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H.C.R. No. 228

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State
2 Artist Committee has selected Dixie Friend Gay as Texas State
3 Artist for 2003 in the three-dimensional category; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, Ms. Gay has shared her
5 inspired works of creative genius with the public, applying her
6 talent to several mediums, including acrylic painting, drawing, and
7 mixed media sculpture; drawing upon her upbringing in rural
8 Oklahoma, Ms. Gay has created works that ponder the connection
9 between nature and artifacts, the role of myth and ideas of
10 contemporary spirituality, and the relationship between
11 transition, transformation, and erosion; and

12 WHEREAS, Known throughout the United States for her powerful,
13 passionate, and provocative work, Ms. Gay's art has been featured
14 in galleries and museums in such national art meccas as New York,
15 Boston, and Santa Fe; and

16 WHEREAS, This exceptional artist has made a home in Houston,
17 where she has served as artist consultant for the development of a
18 new city park and completed an award-winning Byzantine glass mosaic
19 mural with five columns and a terrazzo floor design, entitled
20 *Houston Bayou*, at the George Bush Intercontinental Airport; and

21 WHEREAS, Through her exceptional contributions to her chosen
22 fields of artistic endeavor, Dixie Friend Gay has earned deep
23 appreciation and esteem and further enriched the vibrant cultural
24 life of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby honor Dixie Friend Gay on the occasion of her selection as
3 Texas State Artist for 2003 in the three-dimensional category; and,
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Ms. Gay as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives and Senate.