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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the March 2003 dedication of her extraordinary
2 glass mosaic mural, entitled *Houston Bayou*, at the George Bush
3 Intercontinental Airport, Dixie Friend Gay of Houston Heights has
4 achieved a new success in her notable career; and

5 WHEREAS, The installation was designed by Ms. Gay to recreate
6 the experience of visiting the wetland areas of South Texas; the
7 landscape and its inhabitants are depicted on a serpentine wall
8 mural, composed of 1.5 million pieces of specially fabricated
9 glass, and the terrazzo floor, which includes 40 cast bronze
10 representations of native animals, unifies the work in a truly
11 spectacular manner; in researching this project, Ms. Gay traveled
12 through the Houston bayous by kayak, finding in these waterways a
13 serenity, purity, and sacredness that is too often missing from
14 contemporary urban life; and

15 WHEREAS, A high honors graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma
16 State University, this versatile artist was trained at the Parsons
17 School of Design and the Pratt Graphics Center, and in 1989 she
18 completed her master's degree in studio arts at New York
19 University; her works include drawings, paintings, and sculptures;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Ms. Gay's pieces have
22 been featured in galleries and museums across the United States,
23 including the Bronx Museum, the Allan Stone Gallery, the Houston
24 Museum of Fine Arts, the Eiteljorg Museum, and the van de Griff/Marr

1 Gallery in Santa Fe; she received a commission to design the Sacred
2 Meditation Room for Sheltering Arms in Houston, and today her
3 creations can be found in the permanent collections of the Boston
4 Public Library, the Kienholz Collection, the Houston Museum of Fine
5 Arts, and the Art Museum of South Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, An artist of vision and versatility, Ms. Gay has
7 enriched the lives of many thousands of Texans as they travel, walk,
8 and worship, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity to
9 recognize her; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature congratulate Dixie Friend Gay on the success of her
12 *Houston Bayou* installation and extend to her best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Ms. Gay as an expression of highest regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.