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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Author Lisa Waller Rogers has won the Western
2 Heritage Award for Outstanding Juvenile Book for *The Great Storm:
3 The Hurricane Diary of J.T. King*, published in 2002 by Texas Tech
4 University Press; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
6 established the Western Heritage Award more than 40 years ago in an
7 effort to preserve the stories of the West; each year, the award is
8 presented to winners in 15 categories of literature, film,
9 television, and music; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers has distinguished herself as one of the
11 premier storytellers of our time, and her vivid tales of the winning
12 of the West relate historically factual events in an evocative,
13 captivating style, capable of drawing in the most history-phobic
14 youngster; and

15 WHEREAS, A sixth-generation Texan, Ms. Rogers is a graduate
16 of The University of Texas and has spent many years educating the
17 children of the Lone Star State; this noted author has written five
18 books, including three in her new series, the Lone Star Journals;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Duly recognized for her outstanding work, Ms.
21 Rogers's first book, *A Texas Sampler: Historical Recollections*,
22 was a finalist for the Texas Institute of Letters Best Book for
23 Children/Young People Award, and the first in her Journal series,
24 *Get Along, Little Dogies: The Chisholm Trail Diary of Hallie Lou*

1 *Wells*, is a 2003-2004 Lamplighter Award finalist; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her writing, Ms. Rogers has given countless
3 readers an opportunity to explore the reality of an era that is
4 frequently shrouded in myth, and she has shown that a truthful,
5 accurate portrayal of history can be entertaining as well as
6 enlightening; in doing this, she has ensured that the rich and
7 colorful history of the Lone Star State will be preserved for future
8 generations, but perhaps more importantly, she has created
9 historical works that future Texans will be eager to read; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Lisa Waller Rogers on her receipt
13 of a Western Heritage Award for *The Great Storm: The Hurricane Diary*
14 *of J.T. King*, and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
15 success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Ms. Rogers as an expression of high regard from the
18 Texas House of Representatives.