

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 560

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Houston in recognizing author and illustrator Denise Fleming on the occasion of her appearance at the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference in Houston during the first week of April, 2003; and

WHEREAS, A native of Toledo, Ohio, Denise Fleming has earned numerous awards for her work as an author and illustrator; as early as the third grade, her gift as an artist was recognized when she was chosen to participate in classes at the Toledo Museum of Art; after winning several art awards in high school, Denise attended the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, In the 1980s, Denise illustrated children's books that were written by other authors; after taking classes in papermaking, she developed her own technique for the distinctive art of pulp painting, which she uses to illustrate the picture books she now creates; and

WHEREAS, Denise Fleming has written and illustrated 11 books for children; her first book using pulp painting, *In the Tall, Tall Grass*, was published in 1991, and the companion book published in 1994, *In the Small, Small Pond*, was a Caldecott Honor book; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady and a highly talented writer and illustrator, Denise Fleming has contributed extensively to the enjoyment and education of children and their parents in Texas and throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Denise Fleming for her contributions to the arts through her children's books; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem 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 April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate