

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 823

WHEREAS, Robert A. Caro, internationally renowned author and historian, has received both a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for *Master of the Senate*, the third volume in his series chronicling the life and career of President Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

WHEREAS, This volume, which has also won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award, is yet another milestone in Mr. Caro's illustrious career, during which he has won acclaim as one of the greatest biographers of our time; and

WHEREAS, Spanning a period of several decades, his meticulous research has required him to immerse himself in the places where President Johnson lived and worked; from his native New York, Mr. Caro and his wife Ina moved to the Texas Hill Country, providing him with the opportunity to spend many years reviewing the documents contained at the LBJ Library in Austin and to speak with Texans connected to the president's life, many of whom had never before been interviewed; the Caros have also lived in Washington, D.C., enabling this exceptional author to follow in the president's path as he moved from the Lone Star State to the national stage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caro's experience as an investigative reporter is evident in the complex and comprehensive nature of his first two volumes in the Johnson series, *The Path to Power*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award as the best nonfiction book of 1982, and *Means of Ascent*, which won the same award for the year 1990; *Master of the Senate* details President Johnson's life and

career as a United States senator, and the book has already been hailed as required reading for all students of the American political process; and

WHEREAS, With the publication of each new volume in the LBJ series, Robert Caro has added immeasurably to the world's understanding of one of the Lone Star State's most fascinating icons, and the citizens of Texas are proud to pay tribute to Mr. Caro's stellar achievements as a scholar and biographer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Robert A. Caro for his exceptional literary contributions and extend to him best wishes in his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Caro as an expression of highest regard by 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 16, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate