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H.R. No. 280

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A gifted artist and committed educator, Gary V. Lett
2 of San Antonio has had a profound impact on the creative vitality of
3 his city; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lett uses his many talents to benefit area
5 youth; he has taught at the Carver School for Visual and Performing
6 Arts, and he also serves as director of the Artists-in-the-Making
7 after-school art program at the Ella Austin Community Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Under his guidance, children of San Antonio's
9 Eastside completed a mural entitled *Texas-Born Musicians*; this
10 impressive 24-by-14-foot work employs ceramic tile to celebrate
11 native Lone Star musicians who have made a lasting mark, including
12 Selena, Willie Nelson, Ornette Coleman, and Buddy Holly, to name a
13 few; located at the city's historic Sunset Station, generations of
14 Texans will surely enjoy its timeless images; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to *Texas-Born Musicians*, Mr. Lett has
16 completed *The House that Ella Built: Mrs. Austin Remembered*, a
17 reproduction of the turn-of-the-century homestead once occupied by
18 Ella Austin, a local woman who, together with her husband, made a
19 home for homeless African American children in San Antonio; while
20 he constructed the house, his students re-created household
21 artifacts and copied paintings of major historic sites around the
22 San Antonio area to adorn the structure's walls; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his contributions to the children of the
24 Alamo City and to his chosen field of artistic endeavor, Gary Lett

1 has earned the deep appreciation and esteem of his fellow Texans and
2 further enriched the vibrant cultural life of the Lone Star State;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Gary V. Lett for
6 his contributions to the youth and arts of San Antonio and extend to
7 him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Lett as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.