

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Don Hedgpeth of Medina is the recipient of the 2004  
2 Wrangler Award for Outstanding Art Book from the National Cowboy &  
3 Western Heritage Museum; and

4           WHEREAS, The Wrangler Award, a bronze sculpture of a cowboy  
5 astride his horse, recognizes achievement in 12 categories of  
6 music, film, television, and literature in the Western genre;  
7 literary categories include Western novel, art book, juvenile book,  
8 poetry collection, nonfiction, photography, and magazine article;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Hedgpeth was honored for his book, *Joe Beeler:*  
11 *Life of a Cowboy Artist*, which chronicles its subject's  
12 determination to make art his life's work and livelihood; the text  
13 includes 125 large photographs of Beeler's sculpture, painting, and  
14 drawings; and

15          WHEREAS, Born in Seagraves in 1942, Mr. Hedgpeth has lived in  
16 Medina since 1998; he has worked for numerous Western periodicals  
17 and contributed to or written 15 books, including *Spurs Were*  
18 *a-Jinglin'*, a history of the Pitchfork Ranch in Wyoming, *The Texas*  
19 *Breed*, an anthology of cowboy stories, and *They Rode Good Horses*, a  
20 50-year history of the American Quarter Horse Association; and

21          WHEREAS, Continuing to mine the lands of Texas for rich  
22 stories of our state's heritage, Don Hedgpeth creates exceptional  
23 tributes to cowboy culture, and it is a privilege to join the museum  
24 in honoring his literary accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby congratulate Don Hedgpeth on receiving the 2004 Wrangler  
3 Award for Outstanding Art Book from the National Cowboy & Western  
4 Heritage Museum and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
5 success and achievement; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Mr. Hedgpeth as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 164 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 164 was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor