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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.