

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced the
2 2005 and 2006 appointments for the positions of State Poet
3 Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State
4 Three-Dimensional Artist; and

5 WHEREAS, Honorees are chosen for the exceptional quality of
6 their work and for their outstanding commitment to the arts in
7 Texas; the 2005 appointees are Texas Poet Laureate Alan Birkelbach
8 of Plano, Texas State Musician Johnny Gimble of Tyler, Texas State
9 Two-Dimensional Artist Kathy Vargas of San Antonio, and Texas State
10 Three-Dimensional Artist Sharon Kopriva of Houston; and

11 WHEREAS, The 2006 appointees include Texas Poet Laureate Red
12 Steagall of Fort Worth, Texas State Musician Billy Joe Shaver of
13 Waco, Texas State Two-Dimensional Artist George Boutwell of Bosque,
14 and Texas State Three-Dimensional Artist James Surls of Athens; and

15 WHEREAS, Nominees for these prestigious positions must
16 either be native Texans or have resided in the state for at least
17 five years; in addition, they must have received critical reviews
18 in state, regional, or national publications, and they must have
19 achieved recognition for high levels of excellence and success in
20 their respective disciplines; and

21 WHEREAS, To be considered for the position of State Poet
22 Laureate, nominees must have compiled a substantial body of work,
23 including at least one publication that is not a self-published or
24 vanity-press release; State Musician nominees must have produced a

1 substantial body of work, including at least two nationally
2 available records, or taught music for at least 20 years in a formal
3 classroom, or they must receive the majority of their income from
4 musical endeavors; State Visual Artist nominees must work in two-
5 or three-dimensional art mediums, must have been represented in at
6 least one one-person show, and must have an extensive history of
7 exhibiting in recognized museums and galleries; and

8 WHEREAS, Nominations are made by Texas citizens and reviewed
9 by the Texas Commission on the Arts, which develops a list of
10 finalists; the Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State
11 Artist Committee, composed of members appointed by the governor,
12 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives,
13 makes the final selections; and

14 WHEREAS, The men and women who have been selected to hold
15 these distinguished posts for the next two years have contributed
16 magnificently to the vibrant cultural life of the Lone Star State,
17 and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize them at this time; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby honor the 2005 and 2006 appointees to the positions of State
21 Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and
22 State Three-Dimensional Artist and extend to them sincere best
23 wishes for continued success.

Hilderbran

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 214 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 214 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor