By: Hilderbran H.R. No. 660

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas are fortunate to welcome the 2 Chinese National Treasures limited world tour art exhibition to 3 Austin from January 27 to January 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Organized by *The Epoch Times*, the largest independent Chinese-language newspaper in the world, and the Traditional Chinese Culture & Art Association, the exhibit features more than 50 works of original Chinese masterpieces from the 19th-20th century; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable paintings are on loan from the private collection of Tony Dai and his mother, Mei-Ling Dai, and over the past seven months, the pieces have been displayed throughout Australia and Taiwan, as well as in Tokyo, Japan, and Austin is one of only four American cities to be honored with the exhibition; and

WHEREAS, The showcase includes works from China's renowned painter Qi Baishi and other internationally recognized cultural masters, and rare pieces painted by members of the royal families from the Qing Dynasty; drawing inspiration from heaven and earth, the artists' strokes reflect the profoundness of nature and express inner beauty; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition of these notable Chinese paintings aids in strengthening the bonds of friendship and cultural understanding between the East and the West; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby recognize the Chinese National Treasures
- 2 limited world tour and pay tribute to all those involved with this
- 3 important event.