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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, To continue its mission of promoting the education
2 of our youth and preserving our Western heritage, the 2005 Star of
3 Texas Fair and Rodeo is hosting a School Arts Program and Western
4 Art Show; and

5 WHEREAS, Open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 from
6 Travis, Williamson, Hays, Caldwell, and Bastrop Counties, the
7 Western Art Show competition enables students to express their
8 creativity while earning the opportunity to win scholarships;
9 eligible media include paintings, drawings, and sculpture, and
10 acceptable subject matter includes depictions of farm or ranch
11 life, cowboy or rodeo episodes, country and western scenes or
12 landscapes, still lifes of cowboy, Indian, or pioneer
13 paraphernalia, native wildlife, and historical people or events
14 such as the Battle of the Alamo or the California Gold Rush; and

15 WHEREAS, The best 25 art projects are being exhibited on the
16 fairgrounds during March 12-18, the first week of the fair and
17 rodeo, which is being held March 12-26 in Austin; the top three
18 pieces in the show are being sold in a Live Western Art Auction, and
19 the remaining artwork is being sold in the Silent Western Art
20 Auction; and

21 WHEREAS, Thousands of Texans look forward to the Star of
22 Texas Fair and Rodeo each year, and this 15-day event not only
23 entertains and educates attendees but it also raises money for
24 academic scholarships and educational programs for Texas youth;

1 begun in 1938, this nonprofit organization ranks as the largest
2 youth education fundraiser in Central Texas, awarding \$174,000 in
3 scholarships to young Texans and around \$1.2 million in auction
4 proceeds to the surrounding 120 counties in 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, For nearly 70 years, the staff and volunteers of the
6 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo have demonstrated a deep commitment to
7 the young people of the Lone Star State, and the School Arts Program
8 promises to be yet another exciting educational endeavor sponsored
9 by this outstanding organization; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with the Star
12 of Texas Fair and Rodeo and its School Arts Program and extend to
13 them warmest best wishes for a memorable event.