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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Lone Star State's rich
2 cultural heritage has produced a remarkable variety of artists and
3 craftsmen, and these talented Texans deserve our deepest gratitude
4 and admiration; Charles William Shaw is one such artist, and it is
5 appropriate at this time to recognize his many contributions to the
6 fields of art and literature in Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Austin in 1941, Charley Shaw graduated from
8 Travis High School and went on to study life drawing for three years
9 with the illustrator Malcolm Thurgood; and

10 WHEREAS, Typical subjects for this accomplished artist are
11 Texas frontier lifestyles and historical scenes, children, and
12 musicians, and his preferred mediums are watercolors and oils; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw has produced hundreds of illustrations of
14 historical subjects for books, brochures, and articles over a span
15 of more than 45 years; he was commissioned by The University of
16 Texas Press to draw 248 images for the first edition of James
17 Michener's two-volume historical epic, *Texas*; he wrote and
18 illustrated *Indian Life in Texas*, and he recently published
19 illustrations for *From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation*
20 *of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle*; his work also appears in numerous
21 children's books, including *Little Johnny Raindrop*, *That's What*
22 *Love Is*, and the Walt Disney *Davy Crockett* series; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to his book illustrations, this gifted
24 artist has produced a collection of paintings depicting the Texas

1 Revolution for the San Jacinto Museum of History in Houston, which
2 are used as teaching tools for schoolchildren, and he recently
3 completed a series of large paintings depicting the history of
4 Seton Hospital in Austin; his work hangs in the collections of the
5 Franklin Mint, the King Ranch, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, UT
6 Press, the Barker Texas History Center, Texas A&M Press, and the
7 Star of the Republic Museum; moreover, in 1996, a representative
8 collection of his work was placed in the permanent collection of the
9 Longview Museum of Fine Arts; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw is also a contributor to a unique website,
11 Texas Beyond History, a public education service of the UT Texas
12 Archeological Research Laboratory and a virtual museum
13 interpreting and sharing the state's vast cultural legacy; and

14 WHEREAS, Widely admired for his immense talent, Charley Shaw
15 is one of our state's most distinguished native sons, and it is
16 indeed a privilege to recognize his outstanding career as an
17 artist; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Charles William Shaw for generously
20 sharing his extraordinary gifts as an artist with the State of
21 Texas; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Shaw as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.