

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 575

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Chelsea Polk on her selection as the Corpus Christi winner of the Sister Cities International Young Artist Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Chelsea is a junior at Tuloso-Midway High School; her prize-winning painting portrays the religious wars ravaging the northern African nation of Sudan and their effect on those who are left behind when members of their families are killed; and

**WHEREAS**, The theme of this year's worldwide contest, which promotes peace and harmony, is "Connecting Global Villages"; Chelsea met survivors of the conflict last semester and drew the idea for her painting from their stories; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently on display at the Art Center of Corpus Christi, her painting will soon travel to Washington, D.C., to be judged against international competition; and

**WHEREAS**, By calling attention to the unfolding tragedy in Sudan through the universal language of art, Chelsea has shown herself to be thoughtful and compassionate, as well as talented; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Chelsea Polk for her achievement in the Sister Cities International Young Artist Competition and wish her continued success in the succeeding stages of the competition; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate