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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Woodturners of North Texas have a strong
2 tradition of service to the community and provide opportunities to
3 the region's wood turners for networking and showcasing their
4 talents; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of the group are crafting custom, handmade
6 wooden pens to ship to American troops in support of the nationwide
7 Freedom Pens program; involved in the project since its inception
8 in 2004, these turners have donated wood for pens and given of their
9 time and talents as lathe operators, decorators, and painters;
10 their selfless efforts signal to members of the armed forces that
11 they are not forgotten and help to boost troop morale, while also
12 helping uniformed personnel to stay in touch with family and
13 friends; with the assistance of the North Texas group, the national
14 program has contributed more than 50,000 pens to the U.S. armed
15 forces; and

16 WHEREAS, The Woodturners of North Texas also participate in
17 the Empty Bowls Project, an international fund-raising endeavor in
18 which bowls, often created by craftspeople, and a simple meal are
19 exchanged for donations to combat hunger; and

20 WHEREAS, Founded in the spring of 1988, this Fort Worth-based
21 group now numbers more than 100 members; the organization invites
22 turners from around the globe to be guest demonstrators and
23 instructors, and over the years it has been privileged to host many
24 acclaimed artisans; some of the group's members themselves teach

1 wood-turning classes locally on a part-time basis; and

2 WHEREAS, The Woodturners of North Texas have employed their
3 outstanding skills in behalf of their community and country, and
4 their generous service to others is indeed worthy of recognition;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby commend the Woodturners of North Texas for its notable
8 community service projects and extend to the members and officers
9 of the organization sincere best wishes for its continued growth
10 and success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.