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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The state of Texas has lost a deeply respected
2 artist and professor with the passing of Robert Charles Hext on
3 February 11, 2007, at the age of 58; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Canada, Bob Hext came to Texas to
5 attend Stephen F. Austin State University, earning his B.S., M.A.,
6 and M.F.A. degrees there; he was hired as an instructor at Sul Ross
7 State University in 1974 and rose through the faculty ranks to
8 become chair of the art department in 1989; and

9 WHEREAS, Listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, this
10 dedicated professor believed in exploring the world beyond the four
11 walls of a classroom and, to that end, led his students on art tours
12 through West Texas and Europe; moreover, he was an international
13 expert in the field of Paleolithic cave art in Northern Spain and
14 fought to preserve regional rock art for future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, A gifted sculptor, Mr. Hext worked primarily with
16 wood, but he was also known for the metal "cowboy" sculptures that
17 grace various locations throughout Alpine, including the front of
18 the city's chamber of commerce office; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Hext was a man of tremendous talent who
20 distinguished himself as an artist, an international scholar, and
21 an innovative professor at Sul Ross, and his remarkable life is
22 indeed worthy of praise; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Charles Hext

1 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
2 wife, Kristi Hext; to his daughters, Ashley Baker and her husband,
3 Will, and Andrea Rudolph and her husband, Mike; to his
4 grandchildren, Berkley and Fisher Baker; to his brother, Phil Love;
5 and to all who mourn the passing of this esteemed artist and
6 educator; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
10 Charles Hext.