

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William G. Otton retired from his position as
2 director of the Art Museum of South Texas in March 2007, after 14
3 years of service to the Corpus Christi arts community and nearly
4 three decades in arts administration; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Honolulu, Bill Otton served as an associate
6 professor of art at Corpus Christi State University from 1974 until
7 1980, when he began his career in arts administration as the
8 director of the Laguna Art Museum in California; in 1988, he began a
9 two-year tenure as president of the Art Institute of Southern
10 California in Laguna Beach, and from 1990 to 1993 he served as
11 president of the Wichita Center for the Arts in Kansas; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Otton returned to Corpus Christi in 1993 to take
13 over as director of the Art Museum of South Texas; over the course
14 of the next 14 years, he was instrumental in the growth of this
15 dynamic institution, expanding the museum's collection from 700 art
16 works to some 2,000 and helping to increase its endowment from
17 \$45,000 to \$750,000; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Otton led a 10-year effort to
19 expand the museum's facilities, initiating a \$10 million capital
20 campaign that resulted in the opening in October 2006 of a
21 28,000-square-foot addition designed by Mexican architect Ricardo
22 Legorreta; and

23 WHEREAS, A fine painter in his own right, Bill Otton has been
24 a champion for the arts in Corpus Christi, and he has contributed

1 greatly to the cultural vitality of the region; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate William G. Otton on his retirement
5 as director of the Art Museum of South Texas and extend to him best
6 wishes for success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Otton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

Ortiz, Jr.

Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2531

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2531 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House