SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 592

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pride in recognizing April 3, 2007, as Texas Medal of Arts Awards Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Medal of Arts Awards are presented by the Texas Cultural Trust Council to celebrate the creative excellence, artistic talents, and valuable contributions by Texans to various artistic disciplines in the state; and

WHEREAS, Essential to a thriving society, the arts enrich, educate, and broaden the lives of citizens in countless ways, and these awards recognize those individuals and groups who encourage the development of the arts through personal achievement or by providing steadfast support; and

WHEREAS, The following have been selected to receive Texas Medal of Arts Awards in 2007: Walter Cronkite for Lifetime Achievement; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for Dance; Paul Baker for Arts Education; Sandra Brown for Literary Arts; Ornette Coleman for Music; Diana and Bill Hobby for Individual Arts Patrons; Judith Ivey for Theatre Arts; Jesús Moroles for Visual Arts; Neiman Marcus for Corporate Arts Patron; the Sid W. Richardson Foundation for Foundation Arts Patron; and Bill Wittliff for Multimedia; and

WHEREAS, The arts enhance the quality of life in Texas and add to the rich cultural heritage of our state; the artists and art patrons honored by the Texas Medal of Arts Awards help to ensure the future of the arts and art education in our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the recipients of the 2007 Texas Medal of Arts Awards for their outstanding contributions to the cultural life of our state and the advancement of the arts in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate