

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elliott Becker Lunson was named the Distinguished
2 Artist of 2009 by the Arts Assembly of Midland at its annual
3 Celebration of the Arts; and

4 WHEREAS, Elliott Lunson's early artistic impulses were
5 inspired and encouraged by his mother, Jane Becker, who has taught
6 art at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Midland
7 College, and Robert E. Lee High School; his talent, which was
8 already evident during those early years, was recognized by his art
9 teachers and professors as well; after graduating from Lee High
10 School, he studied art at Midland College and earned a bachelor's
11 degree from UTPB in 2004; he later became an art teacher at Trinity
12 School of Midland; and

13 WHEREAS, This promising young artist has made a name for
14 himself in both the Midland-Odessa and Hudson, New York arts
15 communities; though he creates ceramic pieces and sculpture, his
16 favorite medium is oils, and he is known for taking on classical
17 topics and presenting them in contemporary ways; two of his works,
18 "Stretched" and "Jesus & Buddha," were honored with an Award of
19 Merit and a Best in Show designation, respectively, at the Midland
20 Arts Association-Midland College Fall 2008 Juried Art Show;
21 "Stretched," a panoramic self-portrait, was included in a 2009
22 emerging artist exhibition at the Limner Gallery in Hudson, and it
23 was also featured on the cover of the Midland College literary
24 publication *Tableau* and in *Direct Art* magazine; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Lunson draws strength from the love and support
2 of his wife and fellow artist, Amanda Giddens, as well as from his
3 sons, Trenton and Ryan; he also enjoys playing the piano, guitar,
4 drums, and bass guitar; and

5 WHEREAS, Elliot Lunson has demonstrated skill, creativity,
6 and dedication in his work as an artist, and he has garnered the
7 respect and admiration of countless art enthusiasts in Midland and
8 beyond; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Elliott Becker Lunson on his
11 receipt of the 2009 Distinguished Artist award from the Arts
12 Assembly of Midland and extend to him sincere best wishes for
13 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Lunson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2750

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2750 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House