

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karla K. Morton of Denton has been appointed to
2 serve as the 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate by the Texas Commission
3 on the Arts; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth, Karla Morton worked for the
5 *Battalion* student newspaper while she attended Texas A&M
6 University, and she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in
7 1986; she currently resides in Denton, where she is engaged in the
8 arts scene as a founding board member of the Denton Poets' Assembly,
9 and she is active on the boards of Dos Gatos Press and the Greater
10 Denton Arts Council; and

11 WHEREAS, A talented poet, songwriter, and children's book
12 author, Ms. Morton published a book/CD of poems with musical
13 accompaniment entitled *Wee Cowrin' Timorous Beastie* in 2007, and
14 she is working on producing it as a touring stage show; her poems
15 have also appeared in such publications as *Southwestern American*
16 *Literature*, *descant*, *Amarillo Bay*, *di-verse-city*, *Concho River*
17 *Review*, and the *Wichita Falls Literature and Art Review*, and she has
18 produced two manuscripts, "Hallowed Sacred Song" and "Redefining
19 Beauty," that offer words of encouragement to women undergoing
20 chemotherapy; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Morton regularly travels across the Lone Star
22 State to promote the arts and to perform her poetry at schools,
23 universities, and bookstores, as well as at various events,
24 including the Langdon Weekend, the Salado Scottish Clan Gathering

1 and Highland Games, the Austin International Poetry Festival, and
2 the North Texas Irish Festival; moreover, her readings, workshops,
3 and spoken poetry performances have been covered by numerous Texas
4 newspapers; and

5 WHEREAS, Through her poetry and community outreach, Karla
6 Morton inspires her fellow citizens and enriches the cultural
7 landscape, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor her for her
8 commitment to enhancing the arts in the Lone Star State; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Karla K. Morton on her selection as
12 the 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate and extend to her sincere best
13 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2935

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2935 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House