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H.R. No. 2935

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.