

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jan Epton Seale of McAllen has been named Texas Poet  
2 Laureate for 2012; and

3           WHEREAS, The state's poet laureates are chosen for the  
4 exceptional quality of their work and for their outstanding  
5 commitment to the arts in Texas; they are among the state artists  
6 who are recognized for work that defines the character of a place  
7 and reflects the distinctive qualities that make Texas unique; and

8           WHEREAS, Jan Seale is the author of six books of poetry,  
9 including *The Wonder Is: New and Selected Poems 1974-2004*, and her  
10 published works further include a book of short fiction, *Airlift*, a  
11 textbook for memoir writers, and nine children's books; her poetry  
12 and prose have appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *The Yale Review*, and the  
13 *Chicago Tribune*, as well as in many anthologies, and have been  
14 broadcast over National Public Radio; and

15           WHEREAS, This gifted artist is the recipient of a National  
16 Endowment for the Arts creative writing fellowship in poetry, the  
17 Kathryn Morris Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of Texas, and  
18 the Bill Burke Award and Dolly Sprunk Memorial Award from the New  
19 York Poetry Forum; in addition, she is a seven-time winner of the  
20 PEN Syndicated Fiction Award; and

21           WHEREAS, A native of Pilot Point, Ms. Seale earned a  
22 bachelor's degree at the University of Louisville and a master's  
23 degree from the University of North Texas; she has taught at The  
24 University of Texas-Pan American and UNT and has held readings and

1 workshops in cities across Texas and the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Jan Seale has won the hearts of countless people  
3 with her evocative and witty language, and she is indeed a worthy  
4 choice for this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Jan Seale on her appointment as  
7 2012 Texas Poet Laureate and extend to her sincere best wishes for a  
8 rewarding year; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Ms. Seale as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.R. No. 59

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 59 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House