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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Houston Arts Alliance are visiting 2 the State Capitol on February 2, 2011, as part of Arts Advocacy Day; 3 and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2006, the Houston Arts Alliance promotes the artistic life of that city by connecting key members of the community and by supporting worthy creative initiatives; this nonprofit organization has been instrumental in positioning Houston as a regional arts capital, increasing tourism, and providing for a better quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Among the notable Texans taking part in Arts 10 11 Advocacy Day at the Capitol are Mauricio Campos of the Brazilian 12 Arts Foundation, Nelly Fraga of Ambassadors International Ballet Folklorico, Sanat Parikh and Patricia Silver of Express Children's 13 Theatre, Marta Philippe and Kristin Skarbovig of FotoFest, and Kim 14 Stoilis of Art Colony Association, Inc.; the event is organized in 15 16 part by Joe Wilson, board president of Texans for the Arts, and Arts Advocacy Day co-chairs Cissy Segal Davis and Jody Ulrich; and 17

WHEREAS, The Houston area and the State of Texas are enriched by world-class museums, opera, theater, dance, sculpture, paintings, photography, parks, and arts education, and the dedicated work of the Houston Arts Alliance has contributed greatly to fostering an environment of creativity and cultural diversity; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby welcome the Houston Arts Alliance to the State 2 Capitol on the occasion of 2011 Arts Advocacy Day and extend to all 3 those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for a 4 productive and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

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5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 6 prepared for the alliance as an expression of high regard by the 7 Texas House of Representatives.

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