## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lee Ricks of Pleasanton has distinguished himself as a talented and successful artist for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, With a keen eye for the beauty of nature and an appreciation for a bygone era, Lee Ricks creates watercolor paintings of the Old West, Southwestern landscapes, coastal scenes, and colonial buildings of Mexico and Europe; he holds a bachelor's degree in art from The University of Texas at Austin, and he worked as an illustrator and art editor for the Texas Ranger magazine; and

WHEREAS, An independent businessman for 35 years, Mr. Ricks began devoting himself full-time to his art in 1993; he is a former president and the current treasurer of the Texas Watercolor Society, and he performs demonstrations and conducts workshops throughout South Texas; he was a featured poster artist for the United Way of San Antonio campaigns of 2008 and 2009, and his work has been recognized with awards from the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, the San Antonio Watercolor Group, and the San Antonio Art League; and

WHEREAS, Wholly dedicated to his art, Lee Ricks has earned the admiration and appreciation of citizens across the Lone Star State and beyond, and he may indeed take pride in his impressive body of work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the $82 n$ dexas Legislature hereby honor Lee Ricks for his professional achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued 4 House of Representatives.

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## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 813 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2011, by a non-record vote.

