

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, David M. Parsons of Conroe has been named Texas Poet
2 Laureate for 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, the Texas Commission on the Arts selects
4 an official state poet to serve for a year and act as an ambassador
5 for the art of poetry across the Lone Star State; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his varied career as a businessman,
7 coach, and educator, Dave Parsons has always written poetry; he
8 studied creative writing in graduate school at the University of
9 Houston, and in 1992, he joined the faculty at Lone Star
10 College-Montgomery as a creative writing professor; since 2006, he
11 has also served the school as an adjunct professor of kinesiology
12 and as the handball coach; and

13 WHEREAS, Professor Parsons has published several volumes of
14 verse, including *Editing Sky*, which won the Texas Review Poetry
15 Prize, and *Color of Mourning*; he is the recipient of a National
16 Endowment for the Humanities Dante Fellowship, the French/American
17 Legation Poetry Prize, and the Baskerville Publishers Poetry Award;
18 the poet laureate of Montgomery County from 2005 to 2010, he
19 cofounded the Montgomery County Literary Arts Council Writers in
20 Performance Series in 1993 and continues to serve as the group's
21 co-program director; and

22 WHEREAS, Dave Parsons is a distinctive voice in American
23 poetry and a leading member of the Texas literary community, and he
24 is indeed a worthy choice for this prestigious honor; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate David M. Parsons on his appointment
4 as 2011 Texas Poet Laureate and extend to him sincere best wishes
5 for a rewarding year; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2417

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2417 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House