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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 2005-2010, he cofounded  
19 the Montgomery County Literary Arts Council Writers in Performance  
20 Series in 1993 and continues to serve as the group's co-program  
21 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.