## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced
- 2 the 2014 appointments for the positions of State Poet Laureate,
- 3 State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State
- 4 Three-Dimensional Artist; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The state's highest accolade for excellence in the
- 6 arts, designation as a Texas State Artist is conferred on those
- 7 individuals who represent the best of our rich and diverse artistic
- 8 community and who inspire others through their unique creative
- 9 expression; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The 2014 Texas State Poet Laureate, Dean Young,
- 11 holds the William Livingston Chair of Poetry at The University of
- 12 Texas at Austin; known for his extravagant imagery, he has earned a
- 13 national reputation as one of the most energetic and influential
- 14 poets of his day; to date, he has published 15 books of poetry and
- 15 one volume of prose on the aesthetics of poetry; his writing is
- 16 regularly anthologized in the annual Best American Poetry series,
- 17 and he is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National
- 18 Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, and a host of accolades,
- 19 including the American Academy of Arts and Letters Literature
- 20 Award; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Accordion virtuoso Leonardo "Flaco" Jimenez has
- 22 been named the 2014 Texas State Musician; over the years, he has
- 23 introduced conjunto to countless people around the world as a
- 24 founding member of the Texas Tornados, and he has performed with

- 1 such roots music icons as Bob Dylan, Dr. John, and Ry Cooder, as
- 2 well as recorded with Los Super Seven; Mr. Jimenez has been honored
- 3 with five Grammys, a Lifetime Achievement Award from Billboard
- 4 Latin Magazine, and a 2012 National Endowment for the Arts National
- 5 Heritage Fellowship; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Selected as the 2014 Texas State Two-Dimensional
- 7 Artist, Julie Speed of Marfa has devoted herself to painting and
- 8 other media since moving to Texas in 1978; her work has been widely
- 9 exhibited across the nation, and it is familiar to many popular
- 10 music fans through her cover for Shawn Colvin's album A Few Small
- 11 Repairs; The University of Texas Press has published Julie Speed:
- 12 Paintings, Constructions, and Works on Paper, and Ms. Speed has
- 13 been the subject of a documentary titled Queen of Her Room; and
- 14 WHEREAS, A native of Canyon, Ken Little is the 2014 Texas
- 15 State Three-Dimensional Artist; his work has been featured in more
- 16 than 250 group exhibitions and over 45 solo exhibitions, and it is
- 17 held in many public and private collections; Mr. Little has been
- 18 awarded numerous grants, among them two major fellowships from the
- 19 National Endowment for the Arts, and his sculpture is the subject of
- 20 two monographs and a retrospective catalogue; since 1988, he has
- 21 served as a professor of visual art at The University of Texas at
- 22 San Antonio; and
- WHEREAS, The artists who have been selected to hold these
- 24 prestigious posts have all greatly contributed to the vibrant
- 25 cultural life of the Lone Star State, and Texas is indeed fortunate
- 26 to be home to these talented individuals; now, therefore, be it
- 27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

- 1 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2014 Texas Commission on the
- 2 Arts honorees and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
- 3 fulfillment in their creative endeavors.

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	H.R. No. 1536
	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 1536 was	adopted by the House on April
24, 2013, by a non-record vote.	

Chief Clerk of the House