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R E S O L U T I O N

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

23 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

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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.