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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 2013 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, San Antonio native Rosemary Catacalos is the 2013
11 Texas State Poet Laureate; in 1985, she received the Texas
12 Institute of Letters poetry prize for her first full-length
13 collection of poems, *Again for the First Time*, which is scheduled
14 for reissue on its 30th anniversary; her work has been widely
15 published in high school and college textbooks, and it has twice
16 appeared in the annual *Best American Poetry* anthology; from 2003 to
17 2012, she served as executive-artistic director of Gemini Ink, a
18 community-focused literary center in San Antonio; and

19 WHEREAS, The 2013 Texas State Musician is Austin-based Craig
20 Hella Johnson, one of the most influential choral conductors of
21 today; as founder and artistic director of Conspirare, he has
22 formed an award-winning ensemble whose mission is to create
23 transformative concert experiences; he is also artistic director of
24 the critically acclaimed Victoria Bach Festival, which draws

1 musicians from across the country, and in 2012, he became the first
2 artist-in-residence at the Texas State University School of Music;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Woodson has been selected as the 2013 Texas
5 State Two-Dimensional Artist; born in Waco, he has produced an
6 impressive body of work over a career spanning more than five
7 decades and is widely known for his high desert landscapes; his
8 paintings have been featured in such prestigious exhibitions as the
9 Florence Biennale and are held in many private and public
10 collections, including those of the Amarillo Art Center, Belo
11 Corporation, the El Paso Museum of Art, and the Modern Art Museum of
12 Fort Worth; and

13 WHEREAS, Named 2013 Texas State Three-Dimensional Artist,
14 Joseph Havel joined the staff of the Glassell School of Art at the
15 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, in 1991 and became director of the
16 institution five years later; one of his best-known sculptures,
17 Curtain, was commissioned by the MFAH to frame the doorway to the
18 Audrey Jones Beck Building; the Dallas Museum of Art and the
19 Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, have also added his works to their
20 collections, and his pieces have been exhibited extensively in
21 Europe and in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, The artists who have been selected to hold these
23 prestigious posts have all greatly contributed to the vibrant
24 cultural life of the Lone Star State, and Texas is indeed fortunate
25 to be home to these talented individuals; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2013 Texas Commission on the

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1 Arts honorees and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
2 fulfillment in their creative endeavors.