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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Acclaimed painter David Sanders has contributed
2 immeasurably to the rich artistic heritage of his native Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Known for his singular mastery of pastels, Mr.
4 Sanders brings to this medium the depth and rich coloring typical of
5 oil paintings; his works capture the essence of the Texas character
6 in their depictions of iconic figures such as cowboys, Native
7 Americans, and Texas Rangers, and they reflect uncommon attention
8 to accuracy in the details of both historic and present-day
9 settings, among them the Alamo, Enchanted Rock, and the Guadalupe
10 Mountains; and

11 WHEREAS, His paintings have been displayed in the offices of
12 four former Texas governors, and they are featured in many noted
13 collections of Western art, including those of the King Ranch, the
14 Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Diamond M Museum, as
15 well as in numerous private collections; in addition, his talent
16 has graced the pages of *Southwest Art* magazine and the book *Western
17 Painting Today*, and it has reached a wide audience through *The
18 Cattleman* magazine, The University of Texas at Austin Longhorn
19 football programs, and a wide range of other popular publications;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders is the illustrator of the book *Rangers
22 of Texas*, and his images are much sought after by card and calendar
23 companies; in recent years, most of his work has been commissioned;
24 he has further distinguished himself as one of the founding members

1 of the Texas Association of Professional Artists; and

2 WHEREAS, The son of Jesse and Shirley Sanders, Mr. Sanders
3 was born in 1933 and grew up in San Antonio; he served his country in
4 the United States Army in Okinawa, and he briefly trained as an
5 opera singer before completing his bachelor's degree in commercial
6 art at Southwest Texas State University; in 1965, he married his
7 college sweetheart, Sally, and they became the proud parents of
8 four children, Sarah, David, Katy, and Courtney; and

9 WHEREAS, An artist uniquely sensitive to the vibrant culture
10 and majestic beauty of the Lone Star State, David Sanders has helped
11 foster even greater appreciation for our treasured heritage, and it
12 is indeed a pleasure to recognize his accomplishments at this time;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor painter David Sanders for his
16 contributions to the state and extend to him sincere best wishes for
17 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Sanders as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.