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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ruth Altshuler of Dallas has been selected as the  
2 recipient of the 2015 Texas Medal of Arts Standing Ovation Award  
3 from the Texas Cultural Trust; and

4           WHEREAS, The Texas Medal of Arts program pays tribute to  
5 individual Texas artists who have made important contributions in  
6 their respective disciplines, and it also honors educational  
7 institutions, businesses, patrons, and organizers that have  
8 furthered artistic expression through their generous support; and

9           WHEREAS, A native of Dallas and a graduate of Southern  
10 Methodist University, Mrs. Altshuler has distinguished herself as  
11 a respected community leader who has benefited many worthwhile  
12 initiatives and organizations in the Metroplex; she has been a  
13 member of the SMU board of trustees since 1968 and is the first  
14 woman to chair that body; in addition, she has served as honorary  
15 chair of Dallas Summer Musicals and the Dallas Children's Advocacy  
16 Center, as vice president of the advisory board of the local  
17 Salvation Army, as vice chair of the Southwestern Medical  
18 Foundation, and as a trustee for the Zale Lipshy University  
19 Hospital, to name but a few of her contributions; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Altshuler's dedicated efforts have extended  
21 far beyond the Dallas-Fort Worth area as well; she has chaired the  
22 Communities Foundation of Texas, and she was appointed to the  
23 Library of Congress Trust Fund Board by President George W. Bush and  
24 to the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational,

1 Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) by Secretary of State  
2 Colin Powell; selected as a trustee of the Laura Bush Foundation for  
3 America's Libraries by the former first lady, she raised more than  
4 \$7 million in behalf of the organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Altshuler's exemplary work has  
6 been recognized with a long list of honors, including the Alexis de  
7 Tocqueville Society Award from the United Way, the Distinguished  
8 Service Award from the Association of Governing Boards of  
9 Universities and Colleges, the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary  
10 Service from the Salvation Army, and the Woodrow Wilson Award for  
11 Public Service from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for  
12 Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution; moreover, she was inducted  
13 into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1987 and was named the 1999  
14 Outstanding Philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising  
15 Professionals; and

16 WHEREAS, Tireless in her drive to make her community, state,  
17 and nation an even better place in which to live, Ruth Altshuler has  
18 set an inspiring example of civic engagement, and she is indeed  
19 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Ruth Altshuler on her receipt of  
22 the 2015 Texas Medal of Arts Standing Ovation Award from the Texas  
23 Cultural Trust and commend her for her many good works; and, be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for Mrs. Altshuler as an expression of high regard by the  
27 Texas House of Representatives.