

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing  
2 and Visual Arts in Dallas has been named the recipient of a 2015  
3 Texas Medal of Arts Award by the Texas Cultural Trust; and

4           WHEREAS, Presented biennially since 2001, the Texas Medal of  
5 Arts Awards celebrate the power of the arts to enhance the quality  
6 of life in the Lone Star State; they recognize those who have  
7 achieved greatness and those who have opened doors of opportunity  
8 for others, and Booker T. Washington High School is the first  
9 educational institution to receive this prestigious accolade; and

10           WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School was built in 1922  
11 as the city's first African American high school; a half-century  
12 later, the Dallas Independent School District transformed the  
13 campus into an arts magnet high school with a dual focus on the arts  
14 and scholarship, and it became a prototype for similar institutions  
15 across the nation; its long list of distinguished alumni includes  
16 jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove, Philadelphia Orchestra cellist John  
17 Koen, visual artists Christian Schumann and Chris Arnold, and  
18 singers Erykah Badu, Norah Jones, and Edie Brickell; and

19           WHEREAS, Since its establishment, BTW has won well over 200  
20 DeeBee awards from *Downbeat* magazine, and the National Foundation  
21 for Advancement in the Arts has designated it as one of five  
22 Distinguished Schools in the Arts; the campus received the National  
23 Blue Ribbon Award for Exemplary Education from the United States  
24 Department of Education, which ranks it among the best eight magnet

1 schools; moreover, the school has been named one of the best  
2 academic schools by *Newsweek* magazine and one of the top performing  
3 arts schools by *U.S. News and World Report*; each year, 99 percent of  
4 its students graduate, and 90 percent go on to pursue further  
5 education; and

6 WHEREAS, The high standards of excellence maintained by  
7 Booker T. Washington HSPVA illustrate the degree to which the arts  
8 can enrich the lives of young Texans, and this noteworthy  
9 institution is indeed deserving of this outstanding honor; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Booker T. Washington High School  
13 for the Performing and Visual Arts on its receipt of a Texas Medal  
14 of Arts Award from the Texas Cultural Trust and extend to the  
15 school's students, faculty, staff, and alumni sincere best wishes  
16 for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 596 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House