

By: Thierry

H.R. No. 527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Renee Elise Goldsberry has received the 2017 Texas
2 Medal of Arts Award for theater from the Texas Cultural Trust; and

3 WHEREAS, Presented biennially, the Texas Medal of Arts Awards
4 acknowledge artists who have made exceptional contributions to the
5 arts at home and around the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Goldsberry originated the role of Angelica
7 Schuyler in the groundbreaking hit *Hamilton*; she received a 2016
8 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical, and that
9 performance brought her a Grammy Award as well; her other Broadway
10 credits include Nettie Harris in the original cast of *The Color*
11 *Purple*, Mimi Marquez in *Rent*, and Nala in *The Lion King*; in
12 addition, she acted in several productions of the New York
13 Shakespeare Festival and appeared with Frances McDormand and Tate
14 Donovan in David Lindsay-Abaire's play *Good People*; and

15 WHEREAS, An acclaimed television actress as well,
16 Ms. Goldsberry won recognition for her work on *One Life to Live*,
17 including two Daytime Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding
18 Supporting Actress in a Drama Series; she also had recurring roles
19 on *The Good Wife*, *Law and Order: SVU*, and *The Following*; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Goldsberry began her career in childhood at the
21 HITS Theatre in Houston; after graduating from the famed drama
22 department of Carnegie Mellon University, she went on to complete a
23 master's degree in vocal jazz at the University of Southern
24 California and sang in Los Angeles clubs and on the TV series *Ally*

1 *McBeal*; over the years, she has also returned to the Bayou City to
2 perform at the Alley Theatre and Houston Grand Opera; and

3 WHEREAS, Through her exceptional talent and her commitment to
4 the theater, Ms. Goldsberry has captured the imagination of
5 countless people, and she is truly deserving of this most recent
6 accolade; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Renee Elise Goldsberry on her
9 receipt of the 2017 Texas Medal of Arts Award for theater and extend
10 to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Ms. Goldsberry as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.