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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lynn Wyatt of Houston has been named the 2017 Texas
2 Medal of Arts honoree for Individual Arts Patron by the Texas
3 Cultural Trust; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Medal of Arts program pays tribute to
5 residents of the Lone Star State who have significantly benefited a
6 variety of artistic disciplines, through either personal
7 achievement or benevolent support; and

8 WHEREAS, A third-generation Texan, Lynn Sakowitz Wyatt has
9 long been a philanthropist and civic leader; locally, she chaired
10 the Houston Grand Opera's 50th anniversary Golden Jubilee Gala,
11 which raised \$2.5 million for the company, and featured such
12 international stars as Renée Fleming, Bryn Terfel, Philip Glass,
13 and Elton John; Mrs. Wyatt is also chair emeritus of the Brilliant
14 Lecture Series' Youth Leadership Program and a life trustee of the
15 Star of Hope Mission, and in 1980, Governor William P. Clements
16 named her an Ambassador of Goodwill for the State of Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, Active in a number of efforts at the national level
18 as well, Mrs. Wyatt is a founding trustee of the Princess Grace
19 Foundation USA, and she chaired the inaugural gala in Washington,
20 D.C., for President Ronald Reagan; as President Reagan's appointee,
21 she served for eight years on the board of the U.S. Naval Academy;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has shared her time and
24 resources with the international community as well, serving as

1 chair of the Bal de la Rose in Monaco, an annual event that she
2 transformed into a weekend of festivities benefiting the Red Cross
3 and the American Hospital of Paris; she is also a special advisor to
4 Nobel laureate Luc Montagnier, president of the World Foundation
5 for Medical Research and Prevention, and she has generously
6 supported the Elton John AIDS Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wyatt's many honors include the Masterson Award
8 from the Houston Grand Opera and the Woodson Medal from the Houston
9 Forum, and she was inducted into France's prestigious Order of Arts
10 and Letters as a chevalier in 1982, with a promotion to the rank of
11 officer in 2007; moreover, she has been named Houston's Most
12 Fascinating by the Texas Medical Center Library, Socialite of the
13 Century by *Texas Monthly*, and a Cadillac Texas Legend by KHOU-TV in
14 Houston; and

15 WHEREAS, Cultural organizations across the Lone Star State
16 and beyond have benefited immeasurably from the altruism of Lynn
17 Wyatt, and she has set an inspiring example of the good that one
18 person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Lynn Wyatt on her selection as the
21 2017 Texas Medal of Arts honoree for Individual Arts Patron and
22 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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