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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced the  
2 2018 appointments for the positions of State Poet Laureate, State  
3 Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State  
4 Three-Dimensional Artist; and

5           WHEREAS, The state's highest accolade for excellence in the  
6 arts, designation as a Texas State Artist is conferred on those  
7 individuals who represent the best of our rich and diverse artistic  
8 community and who inspire others through their unique creative  
9 expression; the nominations process for the awards is overseen by  
10 the TCA, and the final selections are made by a committee whose  
11 members are appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and  
12 the speaker of the house of representatives; and

13           WHEREAS, Carol Coffee Reposa has been named the 2018 State  
14 Poet Laureate; she is the author of four books of poetry, and her  
15 poems, reviews, and essays have appeared in such publications as  
16 the *Atlanta Review*, the *Evansville Review*, the *Texas Observer*,  
17 *Southwestern American Literature*, and the *Valparaiso Poetry*  
18 *Review*; repeatedly recognized for her work, she has been a finalist  
19 for the *Malahat Review* Long Poem Prize and a winner of the Guadalupe  
20 Cultural Arts Center poetry contest; she has also garnered an Arts  
21 and Letters Award from the Friends of the San Antonio Public  
22 Library, received several Pushcart Prize nominations, and been  
23 inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters; a professor emerita  
24 of English at San Antonio College, she serves today as poetry editor

1 of *Voices de la Luna*; and

2 WHEREAS, The 2018 State Musician is pianist, songwriter, and  
3 vocalist Marcia Ball, whose soulful ballads and rhythmic blues  
4 numbers, inspired by her upbringing in Texas and Louisiana, have  
5 earned her international acclaim; she is an inductee of the Museum  
6 of the Gulf Coast Music Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Music Hall of  
7 Fame, as well as the recipient of 10 Blues Music Awards, 8 *Living*  
8 *Blues Awards*, and 5 Grammy Award nominations; over the years, she  
9 has traveled around the globe, performing for fans at countless  
10 festivals, concert halls, and clubs; and

11 WHEREAS, Fort Worth native Sedrick Huckaby has been selected  
12 as the State Two-Dimensional Artist; an assistant professor at The  
13 University of Texas at Arlington, where he has taught since 2009, he  
14 holds a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's  
15 degree from Yale University; Mr. Huckaby draws his inspiration from  
16 African American domestic life, and his impressive works have been  
17 displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Minneapolis  
18 Institute of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art; since  
19 embarking on his career in 1999, he has received many distinctions,  
20 including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Provincetown Fellowship, and a  
21 Joan Mitchell Foundation grant; among his most recent awards has  
22 been a 2016 prize in the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition,  
23 hosted by the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian  
24 Institution; and

25 WHEREAS, Named the 2018 State Three-Dimensional Artist,  
26 Beili Liu uses common materials and elements to create  
27 installations that explore complex cultural issues; her work has

1 been exhibited throughout Asia, Europe, and the United States by  
2 such institutions as the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the  
3 Chinese Cultural Foundation, and the Norwegian National Art and  
4 Cultural Center; she has been honored with a 2016 Joan Mitchell  
5 Painters & Sculptors Grant, a Robert Rauschenberg Foundation  
6 Artistic Innovation and Collaboration Grant, and a San Francisco  
7 Mayor's Award for her contributions to cultural exchange; a native  
8 of Jilin, China, she holds a master's degree from the University of  
9 Michigan and is currently a professor of art at The University of  
10 Texas at Austin; and

11 WHEREAS, The artists who have been selected to these  
12 prestigious posts have all greatly contributed to the vibrant  
13 cultural life of the Lone Star State, and Texas is indeed fortunate  
14 to be home to these talented individuals; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2018 Texas State Artist  
17 honorees and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
18 fulfillment in their creative endeavors.