

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brandon Maxwell has been named a 2019 Texas Medal of
2 Arts honoree by the Texas Cultural Trust for his accomplishments in
3 the field of design; and

4 WHEREAS, A Longview native, Brandon Maxwell is the founder
5 and creative director of the eponymous luxury women's ready-to-wear
6 label; he launched Brandon Maxwell in 2015, and his designs have
7 been worn by a host of influential women, among them Meghan Markle,
8 Oprah Winfrey, Blake Lively, and Queen Rania of Jordan; his
9 collection is sold in upscale retail stores around the world, and he
10 has earned numerous professional accolades, among them the 2016
11 CFDA Swarovski Award for Womenswear; in 2019, he is starring as a
12 judge in the relaunch of the hit show *Project Runway*; and

13 WHEREAS, At an early age, Mr. Maxwell was introduced to the
14 magic of design by his grandmother, Louise Johnson, who was a buyer
15 for a Longview boutique; he studied photography at St. Edward's
16 University, and in 2009, he began assisting fashion stylists; three
17 years later, he became a fashion director for Lady Gaga, and he also
18 worked on fashion campaigns and editorials for prominent
19 photographers; and

20 WHEREAS, Brandon Maxwell has brought Texas flair to the
21 international fashion world while helping to make a positive
22 difference in his home state; during a residency in Marfa in 2018,
23 Mr. Maxwell designed a collection that serves as an homage to the
24 Lone Star State; while working on the project, he used some of his

1 time to meet with local residents, from artists to hospitality
2 workers, to learn about the economic gap between citizens and
3 visitors to their community; apprised of underfunding in the
4 schools, he developed a corporate partnership for a philanthropic
5 initiative and secured a significant donation for educational
6 resources, as well as a vehicle for teachers to use in travel to
7 professional training; he arranged for charitable giving to San
8 Antonio Girl Scout troops and New York shelters as well; and

9 WHEREAS, The Texas Medal of Arts program pays tribute to
10 luminaries who have achieved excellence in their creative
11 endeavors, as well as those whose generosity has opened doors to
12 artistic opportunity for Texans of all ages, and Brandon Maxwell is
13 indeed a deserving recipient of this illustrious honor; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Brandon Maxwell on receiving a 2019
17 Texas Medal of Arts from the Texas Cultural Trust and commend him
18 for his many good works; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Maxwell as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

H.R. No. 556

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 556 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House