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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort
2 Worth is hosting *The Trail of the Cowgirl* from March through
3 September 2019, an exhibit showcasing the artwork of Donna
4 Howell-Sickles of Saint Jo; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised on a farm near Gainesville,
6 Ms. Howell-Sickles discovered an affinity for the image of the
7 cowgirl during her college years, after coming across a 1935
8 postcard of one such woman; the artist was drawn to the iconic hopes
9 and struggles represented by the cowgirl and began incorporating
10 this motif into her work, using mixed media to tell timeless stories
11 for and about women; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Howell-Sickles has exhibited
13 her art at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the
14 Buffalo Bill Art Show and Sale, the National Museum of Wildlife Art,
15 and a variety of other galleries; she has also given back to her
16 professional community through her service as president of American
17 Women Artists; and

18 WHEREAS, In recognition of her cowgirl series, she was
19 inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 2007, and she was
20 named one of the 40 Prominent People in the Western Art World by
21 *Southwest Art* in 2011; a graduate of Lovington High School in New
22 Mexico, she holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Texas Tech
23 University; and

24 WHEREAS, Exploring universal themes by focusing on images of

1 women from the American West, past and present, Donna
2 Howell-Sickles has created an outstanding body of work that
3 resonates with Texans from all walks of life, and she may indeed
4 reflect with pride on the ways in which she has enriched the vibrant
5 cultural landscape of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Donna Howell-Sickles on the
8 opening of *The Trail of the Cowgirl* at the National Cowgirl Museum
9 and Hall of Fame and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
10 success; and, be it further

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