

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 462

WHEREAS, Austin artist Bob "Daddy-O" Wade has earned international distinction for himself and for his state as an extraordinary exporter of Texas culture and creator of giant public sculptures; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wade was born in Austin, Texas; he received a bachelor of fine arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a master of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Known as a "pioneer of Texas Funk and connoisseur of Southwestern kitsch," Mr. Wade was a shaper of the 1970s Texas "cosmic" counterculture and has been a longtime ambassador for Texas art; his oversized Texas-themed sculptural work includes a giant six-shooter in Del Rio, which was made using a 55-gallon drum for the cylinder, a stove pipe for the barrel, and stucco for the pearl handle; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wade is the recipient of three National Endowment for the Arts grants, and his work has been included in biennial exhibitions in Paris, France, in New Orleans, and at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City; his work can be found at the Menil Collection in Houston and in the collections of the Austin Museum of Art, Chase Manhattan Bank, and AT&T; he has produced three books, and his work was included in *Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art* at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade's unique larger-than-life art includes his 2006 *Kinky Mobile*, a small teardrop trailer with a large cowboy hat on top and a three-foot cigar sticking out the front, the production of which coincided with Kinky Friedman's run for Texas governor, and his iconic iguana, which stood on the roof of the Lone Star Café in New York City for a decade and can now be seen atop a building at the Fort Worth Zoo; his work can also be found at The Grove in Fort Worth, as part of the Waterside development's public art program; installed in 2016, this outdoor sculpture celebrates the area's history and is made from repurposed amusement-park rides and playground equipment; a book chronicling the oversized artworks he has created over a span of 50 years will be published by Texas A&M University Press in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, Turning 40 years old this year is the largest cowboy boot sculpture in the world, a Bob Wade creation that was recognized by the Guinness book of world records; the enormous pair of ostrich boots is seen daily by thousands of drivers going past the North Star Mall on Loop 410 in San Antonio; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Bob "Daddy-O" Wade on his mastery of oversized Texas symbols and on the 40th anniversary of his *World's Largest Cowboy Boots*; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Daddy-O as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 21, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate