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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles Wallis, an oil and acrylic painter hailing
2 from Waco, has earned widespread acclaim and recognition for his
3 vibrant landscapes, portraits, still life paintings, and abstract
4 compositions; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallis began his artistic studies at University
6 High School in Waco and went on to graduate with a fine arts degree
7 from Baylor University in 1967; embarking on his career as a
8 professional artist, he opened a design studio and also taught art
9 and design courses at Baylor and art appreciation courses at
10 McLennan Community College; for a decade, he operated his studio in
11 Waco, where Baylor University was one of his major clients; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past 10 years, Mr. Wallis has painted
13 numerous depictions of vintage Waco landmarks, in addition to
14 homages to iconic Baylor University figures such as the
15 university's namesake, Judge R. E. B. Baylor, and Heisman Trophy
16 winner Robert Griffin III; he has donated a number of pieces from
17 this collection to the Historic Waco Foundation, and he has also
18 displayed his art at several local galleries; many of his other
19 works are inspired by the natural beauty of Texas, and he has been
20 featured elsewhere in the state at the Adobe Western Art Gallery in
21 Fort Worth, the Weiler House Fine Art Gallery in Arlington, the
22 Frame Gallery in Bryan, and the Texas Visual Artists Association in
23 Dallas; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallis's paintings have been selected for a host

1 of awards, including first-place honors at the Irving Art
2 Association's National Wildlife Show in 2010, at the Nature Art
3 Exhibition in 2012, and at the Conroe Art League Annual Show in
4 2017, along with Best in Show honors from the Central Texas Art
5 League in 2016 and the Envision Arts Happy Fall Show in 2019; he has
6 served as a judge for the Lone Star Art Guild Annual Show, and he has
7 benefited his peers in the arts scene through various leadership
8 roles with the Texas Visual Arts Association, the Central Texas Art
9 League, the Brazos Valley Art League, and the Visual Art Society of
10 Bryan-College Station; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Wallis's passion, imagination, and mastery
12 of his medium are evidenced in his extensive body of work and the
13 multitude of painting styles and subjects he has explored, and he
14 has made a contribution all his own to the rich tapestry of Texas
15 art; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Charles Wallis for his lifetime of
18 artistic achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for
19 continued success and fulfillment in his future endeavors; and, be
20 it further

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