

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2025, representatives from Dallas County arts organizations will attend the annual Texas Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Hosted by Texans for the Arts Foundation, Texas Arts Advocacy Day is an opportunity for artists, creative industry leaders, administrators, and educators to join together to champion strong public policies for the arts; and

WHEREAS, Home to a thriving arts community, Dallas boasts three Texas Cultural Districts as designated by the Texas Commission on the Arts: Fair Park, Deep Ellum, and the Dallas Arts District, which is the nation's largest contiguous urban arts district; among its many cultural institutions are the Dallas Museum of Art, the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, the Music Hall at Fair Park, and the Latino Cultural Center; the AT&T Performing Arts Center is another important hub of activity, encompassing three exceptional performance venues: the Winspear Opera House, Wily Theatre, and Strauss Square; and

WHEREAS, The City of Irving makes a notable contribution to the area's arts offerings and benefits from a wealth of organizations, including the Irving Black Arts Council and the Irving Arts Center, which hosts performances, art exhibits, and other activities; moreover, the city counts the Irving Symphony Orchestra and the New Philharmonic Orchestra of Irving among its performing ensembles; and

WHEREAS, In addition to enriching the quality of life for residents, the arts industry in Dallas County supports thousands of jobs, promotes tourism, and makes a significant impact on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Arts organizations elevate a city's vibrant cultural life, and their vital role in the prosperity of the region is indeed worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize the arts organizations of Dallas County on the occasion of Texas Arts Advocacy Day and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable trip to Austin.

Johnson, Parker

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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