

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced the  
2   2005 and 2006 appointments for the positions of State Poet  
3   Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State  
4   Three-Dimensional Artist; and

5           WHEREAS, Honorees are chosen for the exceptional quality of  
6   their work and for their outstanding commitment to the arts in  
7   Texas; the 2005 appointees are Texas Poet Laureate Alan Birkelbach  
8   of Plano, Texas State Musician Johnny Gimble of Tyler, Texas State  
9   Two-Dimensional Artist Kathy Vargas of San Antonio, and Texas State  
10  Three-Dimensional Artist Sharon Kopriva of Houston; and

11          WHEREAS, The 2006 appointees include Texas Poet Laureate Red  
12  Steagall of Fort Worth, Texas State Musician Billy Joe Shaver of  
13  Waco, Texas State Two-Dimensional Artist George Boutwell of Bosque,  
14  and Texas State Three-Dimensional Artist James Surls of Athens; and

15          WHEREAS, Nominees for these prestigious positions must  
16  either be native Texans or have resided in the state for at least  
17  five years; in addition, they must have received critical reviews  
18  in state, regional, or national publications, and they must have  
19  achieved recognition for high levels of excellence and success in  
20  their respective disciplines; and

21          WHEREAS, To be considered for the position of State Poet  
22  Laureate, nominees must have compiled a substantial body of work,  
23  including at least one publication that is not a self-published or  
24  vanity-press release; State Musician nominees must have produced a

1 substantial body of work, including at least two nationally  
 2 available records, or taught music for at least 20 years in a formal  
 3 classroom, or they must receive the majority of their income from  
 4 musical endeavors; State Visual Artist nominees must work in two-  
 5 or three-dimensional art mediums, must have been represented in at  
 6 least one one-person show, and must have an extensive history of  
 7 exhibiting in recognized museums and galleries; and

8 WHEREAS, Nominations are made by Texas citizens and reviewed  
 9 by the Texas Commission on the Arts, which develops a list of  
 10 finalists; the Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State  
 11 Artist Committee, composed of members appointed by the governor,  
 12 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives,  
 13 makes the final selections; and

14 WHEREAS, The men and women who have been selected to hold  
 15 these distinguished posts for the next two years have contributed  
 16 magnificently to the vibrant cultural life of the Lone Star State,  
 17 and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize them at this time; now,  
 18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 20 hereby honor the 2005 and 2006 appointees to the positions of State  
 21 Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and  
 22 State Three-Dimensional Artist and extend to them sincere best  
 23 wishes for continued success.

Hilderbran

Craddick  
 Allen of Harris  
 Allen of Dallas  
 Alonzo  
 Anchia  
 Anderson  
 Bailey  
 Baxter  
 Berman  
 Blake  
 Bohac  
 Bonnen  
 Branch  
 Brown of Kaufman  
 Brown of Brazos  
 Burnam  
 Callegari  
 Campbell  
 Casteel  
 Castro  
 Chavez  
 Chisum  
 Coleman  
 Cook of Navarro  
 Cook of Colorado  
 Corte  
 Crabb  
 Crownover  
 Davis of Harris  
 Davis of Dallas  
 Dawson  
 Delisi  
 Denny  
 Deshotel  
 Driver  
 Dukes  
 Dunnam  
 Dutton  
 Edwards  
 Eiland  
 Eissler  
 Elkins  
 Escobar  
 Farabee  
 Farrar  
 Flores  
 Flynn  
 Frost  
 Gallego  
 Gattis

Geren  
 Giddings  
 Gonzales  
 Gonzalez Toureilles  
 Goodman  
 Goolsby  
 Griggs  
 Grusendorf  
 Guillen  
 Haggerty  
 Hamilton  
 Hamric  
 Hardcastle  
 Harper-Brown  
 Hartnett  
 Hegar  
 Herrero  
 Hilderbran  
 Hill  
 Hochberg  
 Hodge  
 Homer  
 Hope  
 Hopson  
 Howard  
 Hughes  
 Hunter  
 Hupp  
 Isett  
 Jackson  
 Jones of Lubbock  
 Jones of Dallas  
 Keel  
 Keffer of Dallas  
 Keffer of Eastland  
 King of Parker  
 King of Zavala  
 Kolkhorst  
 Krusee  
 Kuempel  
 Laney  
 Laubenberg  
 Leibowitz  
 Luna  
 Madden  
 Martinez  
 Martinez Fischer  
 McCall  
 McClendon  
 McReynolds

Menendez  
 Merritt  
 Miller  
 Moreno of Harris  
 Moreno of El Paso  
 Morrison  
 Mowery  
 Naishtat  
 Nixon  
 Noriega  
 Oliveira  
 Olivo  
 Orr  
 Otto  
 Paxton  
 Pena  
 Phillips  
 Pickett  
 Pitts  
 Puente  
 Quintanilla  
 Raymond  
 Reyna  
 Riddle  
 Ritter  
 Rodriguez  
 Rose  
 Seaman  
 Smith of Tarrant  
 Smith of Harris  
 Smithee  
 Solis  
 Solomons  
 Strama  
 Straus  
 Swinford  
 Talton  
 Taylor  
 Thompson  
 Truitt  
 Turner  
 Uresti  
 Van Arsdale  
 Veasey  
 Villarreal  
 Vo  
 West  
 Wong  
 Woolley  
 Zedler

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 214 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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