

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State
2 Artist Committee has selected Jack Myers as Texas Poet Laureate for
3 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, A resident of Mesquite, Mr. Myers is a professor of
5 English at Southern Methodist University and is the director of the
6 school's creative writing program; and

7 WHEREAS, This noted poet and editor graduated magna cum laude
8 with a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University
9 of Massachusetts and earned a master of fine arts degree in poetry
10 writing from the University of Iowa; since 1997 he has served as
11 poetry editor of *!Tex!* and he previously held similar positions
12 with *Cimarron Review* and *Fiction International*; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Myers's work has been published in *Best Texas*
14 *Poetry 1*, *Best Texas Poetry 2*, *Texas in Poetry: A 150 Year*
15 *Anthology*, and *The Texas Poetry Anthology*; his books include the
16 forthcoming *Dictionary of Poetic Terms*, *The Poet's Portable*
17 *Workshop*, and *The Glowing River: New & Selected Poems*, for which he
18 received the Violet Crown Award for Best Literary Book of 2001 from
19 the Writers' League of Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Noted for their "deceptively plain-speaking style,"
21 his poems have been described as a "spiritual journey," one that
22 fuses "passion and sorrow, humor and kindness" while observing,
23 questioning, and meditating upon the content and emotions of modern
24 life; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his exceptional contributions to his chosen
2 field of artistic endeavor, Jack Myers has earned deep appreciation
3 and esteem and further enriched the vibrant culture of the Lone Star
4 State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby honor Jack Myers on the occasion of his selection as Texas
7 Poet Laureate for 2003; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Myers as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 232 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 232 was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 23 MAY '03

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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Secretary of State