Certificate of Congressional Recognition

18th District, Texas

Presented to

Ms. Joan Tower

On the Occasion of her

80th Birth Year Celebration

WHEREAS, *The Festival at Round Top and Mr. James Dick will host, celebrate and pay tribute to a dynamic talent, Mr. Joan Tower in Round Top, Texas; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Joan Tower is a native of New Rochelle, New York where she developed a passion for music at an early age. From 1969 to 1984, Ms. Tower was a pianist and founding member of the Naumburg Award-winning Da Capo Chamber Players, which commissioned and premiered many of her most popular works. Her first orchestral work, Sequoia, quickly entered the repertory; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Joan Tower became the first woman to win the prestigious Grawemeyer Award for Silver Ladders in 1990. She was the first composer chosen for a Ford Made in America Consortium commission of sixty-five orchestras. The Nashville Symphony and conductor Leonard Slatkin recorded that work, Made in America, with Tambor and Concerto for Orchestra for the Naxos label. The top-selling recording won three 2008 Grammy awards; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Joan Tower is widely regarded as one of the most important American composers living today. During a career spanning more than 50 years, she has made lasting contributions to musical life in the United States as composer, performer, conductor, and educator. Her works have been commissioned by major ensembles, soloists, and orchestras; and*

WHEREAS, *Ms. Joan Tower's composer-residencies with orchestras and festivals include a decade with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Composer of the Year for their 2010-2011 season, as well as the St. Louis Symphony, The Deer Valley Music Festival, and the Yale/Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. She is in residence as the Albany Symphony's Mentor Composer partner in the 2013-2014 season.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that, on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing Ms. Joan Tower, composer, performer, conductor, and educator. I am honored to join community members, friends, and colleagues in paying tribute to Ms. Joan Tower as she celebrates her 80th Birthday this year. I am honored to join family, friends, and colleagues in paying homage to Ms. Joan Tower as they celebrate this wonderful occasion.*

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress
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