



The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 24

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Round Top Festival Institute and to honor its founder and artistic director, James Dick, for helping to shape the vibrant cultural landscape of the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, An internationally renowned concert pianist, James Dick has performed with legendary figures and orchestras on stages around the world; the acclaimed performer founded the Round Top Festival Institute in 1971 with a mission to nurture aspiring young musicians; and

WHEREAS, The Round Top Festival Institute's inaugural festival was a 10-day event that included ten piano students and two concerts; since that time, the institute has expanded radically and hosts more than 30 concerts during June and July each year; and

WHEREAS, As the institute has grown, it has broadened its original mission of training musicians; today, the institute presents educational forums and music events, commissions and presents original productions of new compositions and operas, and collects and preserves rare books and materials for scholarly research; and

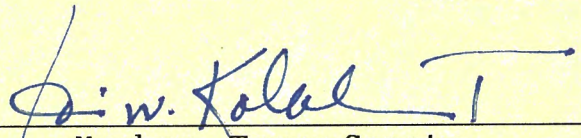
WHEREAS, In the years since its establishment, the Round Top Festival Institute has evolved from a handful of gifted young pianists in a rented space on the town square to a European-styled campus staffed with distinguished faculty who guide nearly 100 artists each year; the institute is a gem of the state's thriving cultural arts community, and James Dick can indeed take pride in his extraordinary accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend James Dick for his success in establishing a world-class music institute and for his many contributions to the arts in Texas and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

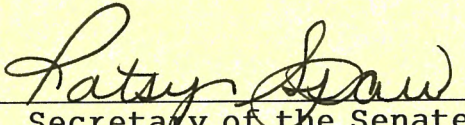
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Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Proclamation was adopted. _____



Secretary of the Senate

July 2017