



‘TIS THE SEASON

2009



The Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree

2009

Celebrate the season with us and view the creativity of Texans from across the state. The Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree is currently on display in the House Chamber and showcases the Texas-sized talent of constituents state-wide.

Members of the Texas House of Representatives were invited to decorate the 2009 Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree with an ornament created in their district. This unique collection from around the state now hangs proudly on a native Texas tree celebrating the many facets of our nation's second largest state, home to 24 million people.

The following pages provide a closer look at these hand-crafted treasures. Many ornaments have been received with still more to come. Ornaments are featured by district number. Should you need assistance, the link provided will help you find your representative and district number: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/welcome.php>.

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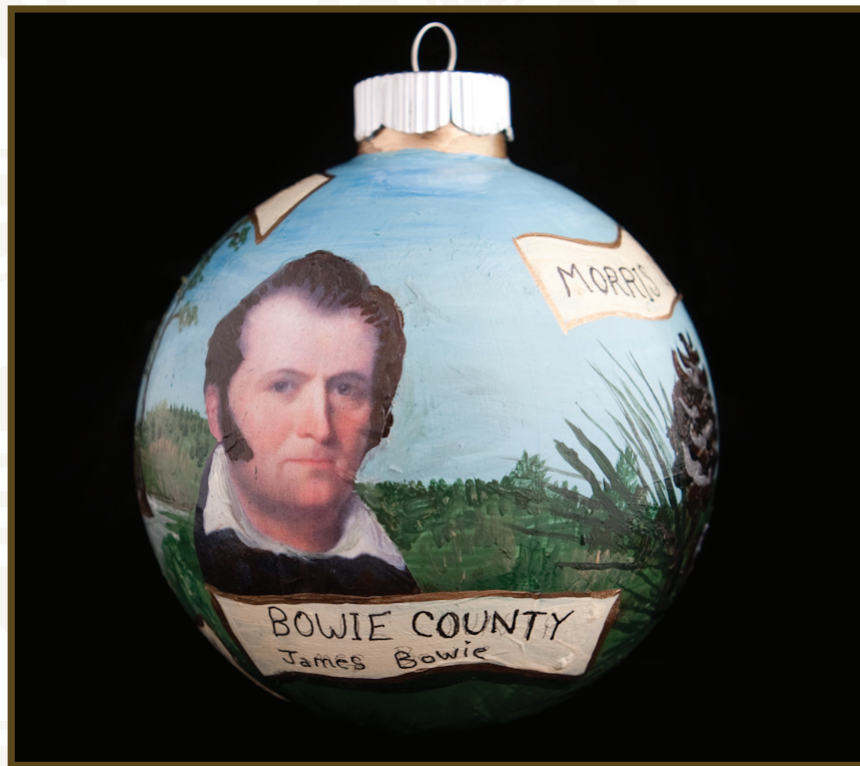
The Texas House of Representatives would like to thank the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association for the generous donation of this 20-foot loblolly pine tree from Evergreen Farms in Elgin, Texas, and the five Virginia pine trees placed throughout the Capitol complex from Plantation Pines Farms in Tyler, Texas.





REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN FROST

District 1



The ornament features symbols depicting the four counties in District 1: Bowie County, Cass County, Marion County and Morris County. These are represented by James Bowie, the Cass County Courthouse, Caddo Lake and the East Texas Piney Woods, respectively.

Artist: Kay Thomas

Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council



REPRESENTATIVE DAN FLYNN

District 2



This ornament represents the beautiful rural area of District 2 by picturing a Texas longhorn, various wildlife, the Texas flag and quite a bit of hay. The area is known for its abundant hay production.

*Artist: Hannah Jones
Senior, Martin's Mill High School*



REPRESENTATIVE MARK HOMER

District 3



In the 75th Legislature, the Crape Myrtle was officially designated the state shrub of Texas. The history of this tree is linked to Lamar County, which was declared the Crape Myrtle County Capital of Texas. The citizens of this area should be commended as they continue in their efforts to promote the propagation of this enchanting plant. The ornament for District 3 features the very special Crape Myrtle.

Artist: DeEtte Cobb



REPRESENTATIVE MARK HOMER

District 3



The Eiffel Tower in Paris, Texas, which is 65 feet tall and “Texanized” by a red cowboy hat, serves as an emblem of the city in which it stands, reminding all who visit that this town is the “Second Largest Paris in the World.” The ornament’s artist, Lynda Dunham-Watkins, lives in Powderly, Texas, just outside of Paris. She has been designated a Texas Original Artist by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Artist: Lynda Dunham-Watkins



REPRESENTATIVE MARK HOMER

District 3



This ornament features the names of the six counties that comprise District 3. The words "Gateway to Texas" also adorn the ornament, which reminds us that many early immigrants used this point as a main entry into Texas.

Artist: Larry Algaier



REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BROWN

District 4



*T*rinity Valley Community College has campuses in District 4 -- the main campus is in Athens with satellite campuses in Kaufman and Terrell. The mascot for the college is the cardinal.

*Artist: Sue Lynn Trent
Trinity Valley Community College*



REPRESENTATIVE LEO BERMAN

District 6



This ornament features red roses, because the city of Tyler is known worldwide for its beautiful rose cultivation.

*Artists: Frances Hackney, Karrington Campbell, Emily Evans, Allie Werner,
Kendall Rhodus, Ferreli Clyde, Sarah Phillips, Emma Lewis
6th Grade Girls at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler*



REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY MERRITT

District 7



The artwork on this ornament is reminiscent of downtown Kilgore, Texas, circa 1933. During the height of the Oil Boom, more than 1,100 oil derricks, each adorned with lights and crowned with a star, shadowed the downtown streets. With twenty-four oil wells drilled into one block of downtown, this area was proudly known as “The World’s Richest Acre.” The hometown of Representative Merritt, Kilgore is located in Gregg County in District 7.

*Artist: Meredith Austin Merritt
Daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Merritt*



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



The artist incorporated a wide variety of symbols, all of which are well-known to residents of District 8. They include images of the railroad, an oil derrick, Fort Parker, dogwood blossoms, bluebonnets and pecans.

*Artists: Luis Torres
Freshman, Corsicana High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM PITTS

District 10



*P*ictured in this ornament are the clock towers of the historic courthouses in Ellis County and Hill County. Additionally, two important symbols of District 10 are featured: first, the cotton boll, because Hill County is known for its abundant cotton production. Second is the Crape Myrtle, because the City of Waxahachie is the designated Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas.

Artist: Emily Oliver



REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK HOPSON

District 11



Many years ago, Jacksonville was designated the “Tomato Capital of the World” for producing the largest, reddest, sweetest tomatoes, most of which were shipped by rail from rows of tomato sheds lining the tracks. Most of these sheds no longer stand, but our annual “Tomato Fest” celebration, a festival of history, events, and sights, certainly does.

Artist: Judy Seamands



REPRESENTATIVE JIM MCREYNOLDS

District 12



This ornament features several prominent symbols of the area: pine trees, rivers, an oil pumping unit, a hippo at the zoo and the Museum of East Texas. People from all over the state enjoy these aspects of District 12.

Artist: Ann Phifer Reyes



REPRESENTATIVE ROB EISSLER

District 15



This ornament depicts several significant places in The Woodlands: The Woodlands Waterway, a golf course, a bridge, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, fireworks, Market Street, Christmas trees and a waterway taxi. Each of these things are easily recognizable by citizens of District 15.

Artist: Gretchen Weinstein



REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON CREIGHTON

District 16



The ornament depicts Dr. Charles B. Stewart of Montgomery County (1806-1885), who served as the first Secretary of State in Texas.

Artist: Mark Clapham



REPRESENTATIVE TIM KLEINSCHMIDT

District 17



The ornament for District 17 depicts a Texas flag overlaid with the outline of the district.

*Artist: Kelley Johnston
Art Teacher, Lexington High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OTTO

District 18



The ornament focuses on three unique features of District 18. First is Lake Livingston, a state natural area that is fed by the Trinity River. This river flows through Polk and Liberty Counties, representing a majority of District 18.

Second is the bridge over the Trinity River, an important part of US Hwy 90 at Liberty, TX. The image of this bridge is circa 1930. Third is pine trees, which are very prominent in East Texas and thus represent Polk County.

*Artist: Chesney Bechtel
Senior, Liberty High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DAN GATTIS

District 20



*T*his ornament features a row of storefronts found on the Georgetown square. The watercolor rendition of the square, where Representative Gattis' district office is located, captures the rich history of Georgetown and all of House District 20.

Artist: Prudy McKenzie



REPRESENTATIVE ALLAN RITTER

District 21



The ornament for District 21 features an oil derrick, which represents the Spindletop Oil Boom; a windmill, which represents the Dutch heritage within the district; a brilliantly blazing sun representing the warmth and beauty of our weather; holly leaves, red bows and candy canes for festive Christmas decorations and snowflakes inside the globe to represent winter.

Artist: Ellyn Turnipseed



REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG EILAND

District 23



Galveston is one of the nation's top locations for birding because it sits astride the 95th meridian in the center of trans-gulf migration routes. The brilliant blue plumage of the male Indigo Bunting causes it to be highly visible; however, actually seeing this bird is a rare treat, as it generally migrates at night and uses the stars for guidance.

Artist: René Wiley



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY TAYLOR

District 24



*D*istrict 24 is located in Northern Galveston County. The ornament represents Friendswood, the only permanent town in Texas that started as a Quaker Colony with the Friends Church; Kemah's lighthouse district; the League City Marina and the waters of Galveston Bay. Wishing all a Merry Christmas!

*Artist: Darcie Lilley
Student, Fine Arts Department
College of the Mainland*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



*B*razoria County has 44 miles of beaches fronting the Gulf of Mexico. The location, climate, and diversity of habitat come together to create a haven for birds. The county landscape also includes many oil wells and longhorns.

Artist: Lillie E. Alcalá
Member, Brazosport Art League



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE HOWARD

District 26



The ornament depicts Sugar Land's Imperial Sugar Char House and water tower. The water tower features the number 50, signifying 2009 as the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Sugar Land in 1959. During the Christmas season, certain windows of the Char House are illuminated in the shape of a cross and can be seen throughout the city.

*Artist: Sally Doyle
Visual Arts Facilitator, Clements High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DORA OLIVO

District 27



Students from the Briargate Elementary School Art Club (Fort Bend ISD) helped design a Christmas bulb with green and gold tempera paint (acrylic paints and stick on letters).

*Artists: Carlos Duarte, Ruben Garcia, Charley Reyes,
Samuel Rogers, Elian Garcia and their teacher Mrs. Anugroom
Briargate Elementary*



REPRESENTATIVE RANDY WEBER

District 29



*H*ouse District 29 encompasses a large, extremely diverse commercial area. Therefore, the theme of District 29's ornament is "harvest." From the shrimp harvest of Matagorda Bay to the rice harvest of Brazoria County, the images on this ornament focus on planes that deliver everything from seed to pesticide. Additionally, the celebration of Christmas is signified by the lights glowing from one end of this district to the other.

Artist: Jan Shedlock



REPRESENTATIVE RYAN GUILLEN

District 31



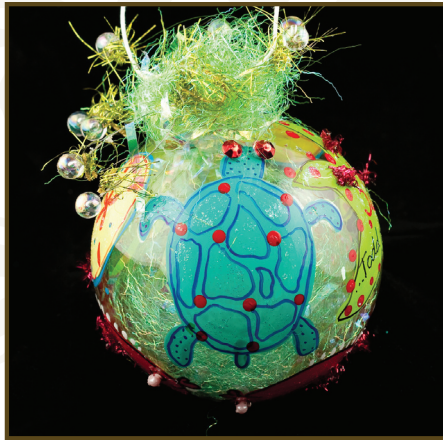
The District 31 ornament design reflects one of the major economic drivers of South Texas and a long-standing tradition from the days of the earliest settlers to the area. For generations, white-tailed deer hunting has been one of the archetypical South Texas experiences and a way of life for many families in Duval, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties.

Artists: Rep. and Mrs. Ryan and Dalinda Guillen



REPRESENTATIVE TODD HUNTER

District 32



*D*istrict 32 is located on the Gulf of Mexico; therefore, illustrations of sea life decorate this ornament. The Ridley Turtle, sand dollar, starfish, and red fish all signify the diverse aquatic life of this area.

Artist: Diana Arturo



REPRESENTATIVE SOLOMON ORTIZ, JR.

District 33



This ornament depicts two very different views of District 33. One side of the ornament shows a colorful view of downtown Corpus Christi from the bay. The other side is decorated with vibrant ocean life.

Artist: Lisa Hernandez



REPRESENTATIVE ABEL HERRERO

District 34



The ornament showcases several things representative of District 34: the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay, the annual Christmas tree on the bayfront marina, the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge, and Whataburger Field (home of the Corpus Christi Hooks). Several other important aspects of the district are incorporated as well, including water sports, tourism, bluebonnets, longhorn cattle, seagulls and oil refineries.

*Artist: Leota "Lee" Gaines
Ethel Eyerly Senior Center*



REPRESENTATIVE RENÉ OLIVEIRA

District 37



The ornament depicts several things found in District 37, including plants native to our area such as palm trees, cacti and cattails, and resacas, which are former channels of the Rio Grande. Brownsville is known as the Chess Capital of Texas; hence, the Kings of Brownsville were born. The chess piece on the ornament represents this great accomplishment.

Artist: Valerie Frances Garza



REPRESENTATIVE ARMANDO MARTINEZ

District 39



The District 39 ornament is painted with vignettes of the area's landmarks and native wildlife. The title is: "Growing: Our Nature and Our Tradition."

Vignettes include the San Juan Shrine, the historic Tex-Sun Citrus Plant, a bridge symbolizing our ties across the Rio Grande and an onion field symbolizing our agricultural research and development. Wildlife includes a Greater Kiskadee, Green Jay, Scarlet Tanager and Zebra Longwing.

*Artist: Rachael Freyman-Brown
South Texas College, Mid-Valley Campus*



REPRESENTATIVE TARA RIOS YBARRA

District 43



The ornament incorporates symbols from ancient Meso American prehistory that have evolved to mix with Christian images. It is this evolution that makes religious celebration in South Texas Hispanic culture truly unique.

*Artists: Charles & Fulden Wissinger, Rosalinda Salinas
Texas A&M University-Kingsville*



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK ROSE

District 45



The ornament features the Hill Country Senior Citizens Activity Center in Dripping Springs. Executive Director Dixie Myers found some old letterhead with a picture of the original Senior Center drawn by Verdie Breed in 1985.

The Center was established in 1976 to provide services for the elderly in North Hays County. Today it is much more than that: it provides a place for all senior citizens to meet, socialize and enjoy activities.

Artist: Barbara Burns

Member of the Senior Center's weekly painting group



REPRESENTATIVE VALINDA BOLTON

District 47



This ornament is decorated with bluebonnets, the official flower of Texas. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is located deep in the heart of District 47.

Artist: Clara Newby



REPRESENTATIVE DONNA HOWARD

District 48



*D*istrict 48's ornament features a potpourri of beads, flowers and glitter. The artwork was designed and executed by an art instructor at Westlake High School, an exemplary school located within District 48.

*Artist: Dawn Delgado
Westlake High School*



REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT NAISHTAT

District 49



The ornament features a three-dimensional black bat on a gold ball. The Congress Avenue Bridge, located in the heart of District 49, is home to the world's largest urban bat colony.

Artist: Gordon Fowler



REPRESENTATIVE MARK STRAMA

District 50



This ornament represents the creative people and students of District 50. Featured on the ornament are the fingerprints of Manor High School students and teachers. This symbol represents the artistic influence that the district holds and which impacts its students. The creative and imaginative style contained within District 50 is a positive role model for its students and future leaders.

*Artists: Brooke Compson (Art Teacher) and Students
Manor High School*



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

District 51



*T*his ornament was painted by a ninth grade student at Eastside Memorial High School. The school is in the heart of District 51 and is a symbol of East Austin. The school recently underwent closure and repurposing as required by the Texas Education Agency. However, the school has reopened with a new educational design and has renewed the community's sense of pride.

Artist: Juan Martinez-Esqueda



REPRESENTATIVE DIANA MALDONADO

District 52



In September, Representative Maldonado toured Texas Baptist Children's Home (TBCH) in Round Rock, Texas. House Parents James and Marta Brock welcomed her into their cottage to show how TBCH is meeting the needs of the eight incredible young men pictured in this ornament.

Artists: Texas Baptist Children's Home



REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE DON AYCOCK

District 54



*D*istrict 54 includes a significant portion of our nation's largest active military base, Fort Hood. On behalf of the citizens of District 54, Representative Aycock and his wife Marie wish to dedicate the 2009 ornament, and extend their warmest holiday wishes to the men and women who call Fort Hood home.

Artist: Codie Smith



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES “DOC” ANDERSON

District 56



The District 56 ornament highlights the pride we take in our institutions of higher education based out of McLennan County and the Greater Waco area. Baylor University, Texas State Technical College and McLennan Community College are not only accomplished institutions in their own right, but also have great levels of collaboration in research and instruction for the benefit of Texas.

*Artist: Jeff Ermoian
Texas State Technical College Waco*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM DUNNAM

District 57



Faith and some of her friends at the Methodist Children's Home in Waco decorated the ornament for District 57. It features a gold star at the top and a handprint decorated like a Christmas tree with presents beside it. Methodist Children's Home serves children and families with a variety of needs. More than 1,300 children and youth are served each day through residential care, foster care and transitional services.

Artist: Faith
Methodist Children's Home



REPRESENTATIVE ROB ORR

District 58



The ornament features the courthouses from the two counties in House District 58. The Johnson County Courthouse is located in Cleburne, Texas, the county seat. The Bosque County Courthouse is located in Meridian, Texas, also the county seat. Both courthouses have been refurbished within the last two years through a special state restoration program.

Artist: Nicole Davis Brownlow



REPRESENTATIVE SID MILLER

District 59



The ornament is decorated in gold leaf with many small glass beads. The design's significance to the district is illustrated through bluebonnets, a strong Christian belief, and a blue candle for Hanukkah.

Artist: Bonnie Welch


REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER
District 60



The sides of this ornament are decorated with a collection of buildings from District 60, and in the center is the seal of the Texas House of Representatives. Howard Payne University's seal and the new HPU fine art building are also included in the design. The drawings are all done by HPU students, and the ornament itself was created by Assistant Professor Cathi Ball.

Artists: Assistant Professor Cathi Ball and Howard Payne University students Ashley McLaughlin, Melinda Dickens, Maria Espinoza, Tyler Harkey, Allison Harp, Jessica Jennings, Marci Journey, Tiffany Minsbaw, Kirk Parsons, Christa Ramon, Debbie Utterback, Tiffany Wilson



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



“Texoma’s Jewel” visually commemorates the newly formed Denison Arts & Cultural District in Denison, Texas. Designated this year by the Texas Commission on the Arts as the first of seven Texas Arts & Cultural Districts, this area is directly relevant to arts legislation supported by Representative Phillips during the 79th Legislature. The name “Texoma’s Jewel” came from the original Denison, Texas, city motto: “A Jewel at the Crossing of a Great River.” Denison is located in the heart of District 62 along the Red River and near Lake Texoma.

Artist: Shelley Tate Garner



REPRESENTATIVE TAN PARKER

District 63



The students of Bluebonnet Elementary School in Flower Mound, Texas, decorated the ornament by painting the state flower with their fingerprints. Two students from every class participated.

Artists: Bluebonnet Elementary Students



REPRESENTATIVE MYRA CROWNOVER

District 64



The glittery dots on this ornament, which are placed on a purple space in the shape of the district, represent the towns and colleges in District 64. The scattered dots all over the ornament create the effect of a constellation and the glitter adds to the festivity of the Christmas holiday.

*Artist: Lyndsey Rieple
UNT Fine Arts Student*



REPRESENTATIVE BURT SOLOMONS

District 65



The ornament for District 65, titled "A Legacy of Learning," celebrates the 25th anniversary of Indian Creek Elementary School in Carrollton, Texas.

Artist: Suzanne Dreskin

Art Teacher, Indian Creek Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE JERRY MADDEN

District 67



The ornament is decorated with two hands, which represent the Plano
ISD logo. To make the ornament a little more festive, snowflakes were drawn
inside the hands. On the back is inscribed "Plano, Star of Texas," symbolizing
the city of Plano itself.

*Artists: Livia Soong, Victoria Shan
Students, Plano Senior High School*



REPRESENTATIVE RICK HARDCASTLE

District 68



The pride of District 68 can be seen in the beautiful details of the diversified agricultural industry, the natural resources and the rich western heritage painted by Mary Ann McCuiston. Cotton, wheat, oil production and cattle ranching are major sources of commerce and helped make the district what it is today. The unique western heritage of District 68 is epitomized by the trail markers of the Chisholm and Great Western Trails. Both trails cross the District and saw millions of cattle travel to the northern markets in the 1880's.

Artist: Mary Ann McCuiston



REPRESENTATIVE KEN PAXTON

District 70



The ornament for District 70 embodies the Christmas spirit, which is celebrated by residents across the district. It is whimsical, yet also showcases the significance of the season. The title and primary message of the ornament is “Wise Men Still Seek Him.”

To create the ornament, the technique of collage was employed, using pages from the Bible, a U.S. Christmas stamp from the 1970’s, a glass ornament, old buttons and frosted wires with a representational lone star dangling over the entire ornament.

Artist: Glendy Valdez



REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN KING

District 71



*T*here are so many artists in District 71 the task of choosing one was impossible! It was a great joy to create this ornament myself. It combines the rustic look of leather cording with the dazzle of over 1000 individually attached Swarovski crystals. Conceptually the design points to District 71's unique blend of rural, industrial and cosmopolitan life that is equally vibrant in the area of the arts. With such diversity of offerings, I chose to focus on the people instead of any particular area of commerce or presence. Truly every person in our district is a jewel that reflects the magnificence of our West Texas counties of Taylor and Nolan -- District 71.

Artist: Rep. Susan King



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



The ornament for the 72nd District depicts an “Adoration of the Child,” using the Hispanic icon of the Virgin of Guadalupe as the central figure of Mary. The 3 wise men are represented as a cowboy/rancher, an Indian, and a Mexican vaquero, while their gifts represent the struggle to settle and civilize a hard land, from the days of hunting buffalo on the plains to farming and ranching. Each group lent its own cultural influences to the settlement of the area. The animals are those which one would find throughout our district -- sheep, cattle, longhorns, angora goats and white-tailed deer, as well as the buffalo which sustained the native peoples until they were nearly hunted to extinction.

The district is also heavily involved in the production of oil and gas, thus the derrick and pump jack.

The bottom half shows our Lone Star, as well as the monarch butterfly, which migrates through our district each October; the pecan, which was native to the area but is now cultivated; cotton and wildflowers -- though we are not as blessed with bluebonnets as much of the state, our roadsides are still bountiful with Indian blanket, coneflowers and coreopsis, among many others.

Artist: Amber Alexander



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG MILLER

District 73



This ornament shows a panorama of our Texas natural beauty centered around our water resources, plus the fun surprises: free range decorated trees!

Artist: Jane Felts Mauldin



REPRESENTATIVE PETE GALLEGO

District 74



Out of the entire world, West Texas shines through the clouds and becomes a gem to everyone. The world is a big place, but the majesty of the mountains makes us feel as if West Texas is all that exists.

Artist: Bailey Walker



REPRESENTATIVE CHENTE QUINTANILLA

District 75



The ornament features paint and glitter ready-to-hang Tornillo bean clusters. Tornillo bean clusters are grown on Tornillo bushes. These bushes were used for animal and human consumption. The town of Tornillo, Texas, got its name from this bush.

Artists: Quintanilla Grandchildren



REPRESENTATIVE MARISA MARQUEZ

District 77



The gold stars on the ornament represent the ingenuity and the brilliance of Texans. The red stars pay tribute to the sacrifices of our brave men and women who serve their country with valor and honor, many of whom live in District 77. The pick represents The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), which also lies in the district. The white and blue streamers inside represent the ideals of liberty and justice which unite us as Texans and Americans.

Artist: Karina A. Calzada



REPRESENTATIVE TRACY KING

District 80



This ornament contains all the communities that are in District 80.

*Artist: Katelyn King
Daughter of Rep. King*



REPRESENTATIVE TRYON LEWIS

District 81



*W*est Texas has the most beautiful open skies and colorful sunsets! We can see forever. Along with the blue skies and spectacular sunsets, oil derricks and pump jacks are a part of our landscape...which is why we are here in the first place.

Artist: Sonya Haynie



REPRESENTATIVE TOM CRADDICK

District 82



*O*ur mascot here at Midland College is the chaparral or the roadrunner. I've always found a magic kind of delight in this wonderful bird. On the occasion that I see them, I regard them as being a lucky sign. I've featured this delightful bird in a setting with the omnipresent prickly pear cactus. Both are survivors and both are symbols of our proximity to the great Southwest. Within this setting, the colors and sparkles of the season are featured.

*Artist: Warren Taylor
Professor of Art, Midland College*



REPRESENTATIVE DELWIN JONES

District 83



West Texas is Big Sky Country!

Artist: Pat Maines



REPRESENTATIVE CARL ISETT

District 84



This ornament reflects much of House District 84 and was envisioned by art students from Premier High School in Lubbock. Books reflect higher education opportunities in the district, music symbols reflect the music background in the area, the windmill is representative of the new use of windmill energy in the district and the presence of cotton shows the importance of agriculture to the district. Lastly, the symbols for art reflect art in Lubbock's culture, including the many museums, the new Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts and much more.

*Artist: Dara Flynn, Art Teacher
Premier High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOE HEFLIN

District 85



The ornament features silhouettes of agricultural products and energy (wind & oil) produced in House District 85. It is filled with seed used for crops grown in the district -- sunflower, yellow milo, millet, red milo and cotton.

Artists: Carolyn R. Dewbre, Vivian Morris



REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SWINFORD

District 87



*M*embers of the Moore County Arts Association each painted a flower found in our area of Texas. The artists are from 3 towns in District 87: Dumas, Sunray and Amarillo.

*Artists: Carolyn Stallwitz, Donna Mayers, Margaret Nelson,
Jaimye Pool, Mary Farris, Ann Nider*



REPRESENTATIVE WARREN CHISUM

District 88



This district was settled by cattlemen in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The discovery of oil and gas led to the establishment of communities to support these industries. The windmill depicts our reliance on wind energy for water and electricity both in the past and the future.

Artist: Cile Taylor



REPRESENTATIVE JODIE LAUBENBERG

District 89



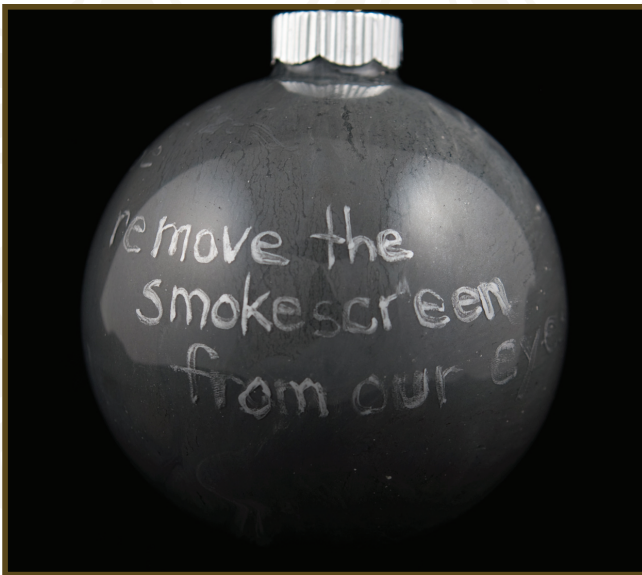
The preamble of the Texas State Constitution humbly invokes the blessing of Almighty God upon Texas, its constitution and its people. God's presence and authority is represented by the circle of blue outlined with a cord of gold and white. The clear star outlined in gold represents Jesus Christ being revealed to mankind. True freedom and liberty comes from God alone. The four paintings represent scenes from District 89 during the four seasons: Spring -- a train crossing Lake Lavon; Summer -- Rockwall County Courthouse at night; Autumn -- a barn representing the district's open spaces and ranches; and Winter -- Wylie's historic church. In the globe are the names of all 28 communities, which are the heart and soul of District 89.

Artist: John Pototschnik



REPRESENTATIVE LON BURNAM

District 90



The ornament represents what's on many folks' minds here in District 90. A parent would never put a smoking bomb in the palm of his child's hand, so why is it now that some of our city leaders and other "sleeping panthers" would allow the rampant gas drilling that is happening beneath the ground where our children live, learn and play? In this season for giving, the ornament represents a smoking bomb and the smokescreen of delusion -- things we should never want to share as gifts with people in our family, in our community. Therefore, let this also be a season for Truth and Reason.

Artist: Tammy Melody Gomez



REPRESENTATIVE KELLY HANCOCK

District 91



*P*ainted by Representative Hancock's brother, the ornament is a simple depiction of our state flag, of which we in Northeast Tarrant County are so proud.

Artist: Cary Hancock



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



L.D. Bell High School is a 5A public school as well as an International Baccalaureate school. IB art student Suji Kang painted a holiday scene including the L.D. Bell Blue Raider mascot as Santa, standing in front of the school with a Texas flag proudly flying in the background.

*Artists: Suji Kang, Student
Wendy Parmelee, Art Teacher*



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



*D*istrict 92 is home to people who have come to live here from places all over the globe. We work together, live together and celebrate being Texans!

Artist: Dona C. Lebron



REPRESENTATIVE PAULA PIERSON

District 93



Red & green... all the exciting places in the district.

Artist: Kendall Quirk



REPRESENTATIVE DIANE PATRICK

District 94



The ornament features the logo of the city of Arlington on the front along with logos of various locations in historic downtown Arlington. Also included are the logos of the Arlington Independent School District and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Artist: Lana Ogden



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TURNER

District 96



The ornament includes special messages from students in Kennedale High School's Leadership Class about the importance of education in Texas, which were written on small slips of paper and inserted into the ornament. The colors of the ornament -- green and black -- represent the school's colors.

Artists: Kennedale High School Leadership Class



REPRESENTATIVE MARK SHELTON

District 97



*T*exas Christian University is in District 97. This has been an exciting year for TCU in football. The whole city of Fort Worth has rallied around the home team.

*Artist: Betsy Shelton
Daughter of Rep. Shelton*



REPRESENTATIVE VICKI TRUITT

District 98



The artist was struck with how beautiful the sunsets are in the northeast region of Texas.

Artist: Ben Purvis



REPRESENTATIVE TERRI HODGE

District 100



The ornament depicts the wreath and poinsettias as they were displayed in the House Chamber in December 2008.

Artist: Walter Morris



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MIKLOS

District 101



Sunnyvale High School is the newest school in District 101. Blue and gold are the high school colors.

Artists: Sunnyvale High School Art Department



REPRESENTATIVE CAROL KENT

District 102



The ornament was created using gold braid, gold paint, gold glitter and rhinestone appointments; the number 102 featured on the ornament is for House District 102.

Artist: Gwen Murray



REPRESENTATIVE RAFAEL ANCHIA

District 103



This ornament's theme is Fantasia, signifying the spirit of hope for a brighter future.

Artist: Mary Katherine Semos



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO

District 104



"The Lone Star of Texas Piñata Ornament" -- The piñata is always part of a Mexican-American party or fiesta. It is also part of the Christmas festivities called Las Posadas.

Las Posadas is a Mexican-American custom that is celebrated during the Novena (nine days before Christmas Eve and also representing the nine days of Joseph and Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem). The holy couple, usually a boy and girl dressed like Joseph and Mary, along with neighborhood pilgrims, visit three homes asking for shelter until finally someone welcomes them in. Once they arrive, a Rosary is prayed and then the Fiesta begins with music, tamales, pozole (soup), champurrado (a beverage of corn meal and chocolate) and pan dulce (sweet bread). The breaking of a seven point star piñata, representing the North Star, is broken and children receive candy bags.

This Christmas piñata ornament is representative of the many Posadas held throughout District 104 during the holidays. The five point star piñata ornament represents the Lone Star of Texas in our state's flag that guides our legislators as they serve our great state of Texas.

*Artists: Mrs. Sylvana Avila-Alonzo -- design inspired by Mrs. Evette Rivera,
Mrs. Walley Godinez and daughter Maria Xiomara Alonzo*



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA HARPER BROWN

District 105



This ornament features the world's largest equestrian sculpture, the city of Irving's Mustang Sculpture, as well as a past city of Irving logo.

Artist: Beverly Fuqua



REPRESENTATIVE KIRK ENGLAND

District 106



Everything's bigger in Texas and District 106, representing the communities of Grand Prairie and south Irving, is no exception. Decorated by one of Grand Prairie's own local artists, the Cowboy Santa Christmas ornament showcases our community's love of big celebrations with some Texas flair.

Artist: Myrle Knox



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN VAUGHT

District 107



"Sunset Over White Rock Lake" depicts the sun setting from the shores of the lake facing downtown Dallas; White Rock Lake is in the center of District 107. Also visible is the White Rock Lake Filter Building, which was renovated and received an award from Preservation Dallas.

Artist: Dahlia Woods



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



This ornament was decorated by students from Lake Ridge Elementary School in Cedar Hill, Texas. The decorations were inspired by the annual tree lighting in Uptown Village. District 109 includes multiple cities which host events like the one in Cedar Hill, including the annual holiday parade in DeSoto and the old town holiday on the hill.

Artists: Students, Lake Ridge Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA MALLORY CARAWAY

District 110



This ornament features the state of Texas painted like the state flag, holly and berries and the message, "Happy Holidays from District 110."

*Artist: Felecia Whitfield, M.Ed.
Art Instructor, Fellowship Christian Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



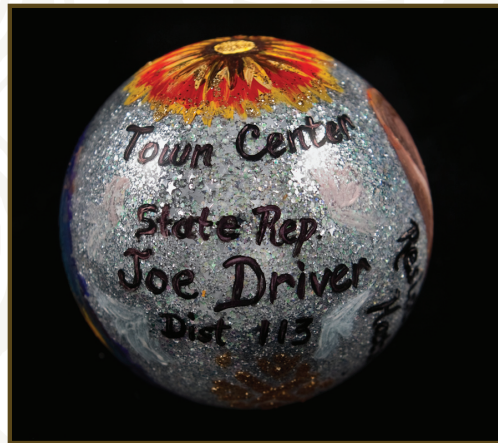
The ornament's glass has been etched with the name and logo of one of District 112's high schools, the Berkner High School Rams, and the city in which it was made, Richardson.

*Artist: Hope Lattaudio
Berkner High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOE DRIVER

District 113



*D*istrict 113 includes the cities of Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. Our ornament features Lake Ray Hubbard; Resistol Hats, which is located in Garland; and Firewheel Shopping Mall, which serves all three cities.

*Artist: Helen Sowa
Student, South Garland High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM JACKSON

District 115



*D*istrict 115 includes five very different cities, each of which has its own banner on this ornament.

Artist: Beverly Wagner



REPRESENTATIVE DAVID LEIBOWITZ

District 117



The colorful nature of San Antonio pervades all Bexar County House Districts.

Artist: Kristina Garza



REPRESENTATIVE JOE FARIAS
District 118



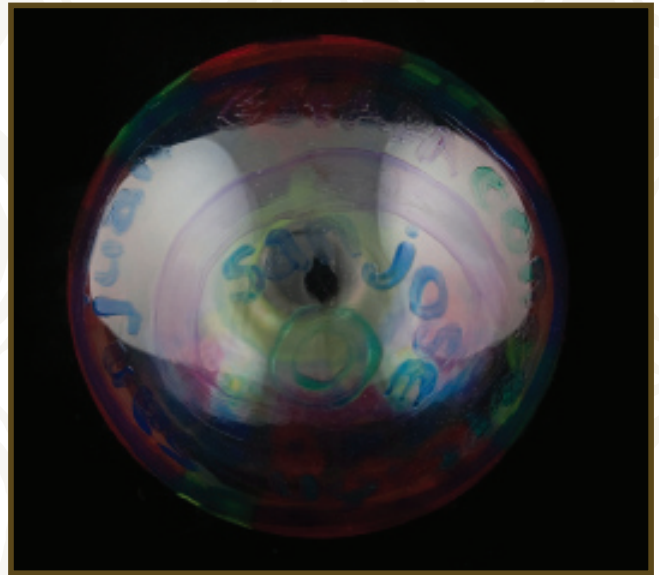
The ornament depicts Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Randolph Air Force Base and Mission San Juan Capistrano, all of which are located in District 118.

*Artist: Jennifer Stolze
Student, Texas A&M University-San Antonio*



REPRESENTATIVE ROLAND GUTIERREZ

District 119



*D*istrict 119 is blessed to have in its community four of five historically important missions that were built by Spanish Franciscan monks in the 1700's, specifically, San José (1720), Concepción (1731), San Juan de Capistrano (1731) and San Francisco de Espada (1731). These landmark missions are visited by thousands of tourists each year while simultaneously serving their communities' citizens with church activities such as mass, bible study classes, exhibits, lectures and fairs.

Artist: Terry A. Ybáñez



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



The ornament represents Fiesta San Antonio. Held every April, Fiesta is one of America's truly great festivals, which began as a way to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. That commemoration still takes place, but over the past century Fiesta has grown into a celebration of San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures. 2009 marked Fiesta's 118th anniversary.

*Artist: Barbara Hill
Southwest School of Art & Craft*



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



The ornament's design represents the Children's Art Garden at the Southwest School of Art & Craft's Fiesta Arts Fair. The Southwest School of Art & Craft is a nationally-recognized leader in arts education, offering studio programs for more than 4000 adults, children and teens annually.

Celebrating 36 years of creativity, the Fiesta Arts Fair at the Southwest School of Art & Craft is an official "kick off event" for the renowned Fiesta San Antonio -- 10 days of merriment, pageantry, parties and parades, bringing thousands of visitors to the Alamo City every April.

The 2-day Fiesta Arts Fair is exceptionally welcoming for every generation of families, with 120 top artists from around the U.S., plenty of live music, a Children's Art Garden and, as with all true Fiesta events, good food.

There's something for everyone in a relaxed, shady setting.

*Artist: Lenora McQueen
Southwest School of Art & Crafts*



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HARLESS

District 126



This ornament features green space, tall timbers and Champions Golf Club. Champions is a course designed by Jimmy Demaret and Jack Burke, and was home to the '67 Ryder Cup, the '69 US Open Championship and a couple Tour of Champions PGA tournaments. The Champions logo is shown with House District 126 in the center.

Artist: The Honorable H.N. McElroy



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SMITH

District 128



The ornament depicts the San Jacinto Monument, a pelican and an oilfield pump jack because District 128 is the home of the birthplace of Texas' independence, a vast array of wildlife and one of the largest petrochemical complexes in the world.

Artists: Art League of Baytown



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN FLETCHER

District 130



It's all about the people!

Artist: Sharon Slover



REPRESENTATIVE ALMA ALLEN

District 131



The District 131 ornament celebrates the history of the district by showing the current district map through an antiqued silver glaze.

*Artists: John Meyer, Tim Spencer (alumni)
The Art Institute of Houston*



REPRESENTATIVE BILL CALLEGARI

District 132



The ornament has been hand painted with images from Katy, a prime area of District 132. The old MKT Caboose, rice dryers, geese, a church and the official seals of the city of Katy and the state of Texas adorn the ornament, which is glazed in sparkling glitter.

Artist: Carol Adams



REPRESENTATIVE KRISTI THIBAUT

District 133



This ornament is reflective of the International District.

Artist: Michelle Lacasa



REPRESENTATIVE ELLEN COHEN

District 134



The ornament uses symbols to represent communities in the district including the Texas Medical Center, 27 schools and universities, and the large percentage of businessmen, lawyers, judges, teachers and doctors who reside there. District 134 includes all of Bellaire, West University, River Oaks, Rice University and the Texas Medical Center, along with parts of Meyerland and Montrose.

Artist: Diane Tran



REPRESENTATIVE SYLVESTER TURNER

District 139



The ornament for District 139 features a winter scene of pine cones and holly.

*Artist: Patricia Watkins
Art Teacher, M. C. Williams Middle School*



REPRESENTATIVE AL EDWARDS

District 146



Very simply decorated, the District 146 ornament features colorful rhinestones, personalized satin ribbon and a Christmas theme.

Artist: Ebony Collins



REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FARRAR

District 148



The ornament's colors reflect the beauty, vibrancy and diversity of District 148 and the city of Houston.

*Artist: Diana Muñiz
Meca-Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts*



REPRESENTATIVE HUBERT VO

District 149



The theme for this ornament, which reflects District 149's diversity, is
"Where the World Comes Together."

Artist: Karen Loper



REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRANCH

District 108

