



TIS THE SEASON
2017



House Chamber Christmas Tree

2017

Celebrate the season and the creativity of Texans from across the state.

Members of the Texas House of Representatives were invited to select a constituent to create a Christmas ornament to showcase unique elements of their house districts. These ornaments now hang proudly on this native Texas tree in celebration of the many facets of our nation's second largest state, home to over 27 million people.

The photo albums displayed here provide the opportunity for a closer look at the handcrafted treasures that have been received this year. Ornament albums are assembled chronologically by district number. To look for your hometown's district, please reference the nearby House district map.

The Texas House of Representatives is proud to display trees that were provided by the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association in conjunction with the organization's president, Marianna Wilson, including this 23-foot Virginia pine, compliments of Marshall and Sharlote Cathey of Elves Farm in Denison. Additional trees, three 7-foot Blue Ice cypresses, and two 10-foot Fraser firs, compliments of Marianna and Jim Wilson of Mainstay Farm in Cleburne, are located throughout the Capitol.





REPRESENTATIVE GARY VANDEAVER

District 1



This ornament features an artistic rendering of the state line that divides Texas and Arkansas, which is geographically unique to District 1. A flower and tree symbolize the beautiful landscapes of East Texas.

*Artist: Natalie Robinson, 5th Grade
(Mrs. Kimberly Hornbuckle, Teacher)
Redwater Elementary School, Redwater ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE CECIL BELL, JR.

District 3



The peregrine falcon, the fastest bird in the world, is indigenous to parts of District 3 and is the mascot for Royal ISD. The striking rows of scalloped and spotted feathers on the falcon's breast and underbelly are abstracted on this ornament. A small replica of a falcon hangs from a branch, representing both local nature and the school mascot.

*Artist: Jessica Johnston
Royal ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE COLE HEFNER

District 5



*Artists: Laura Kirkland, Art Teacher
and Art Students*

Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant ISD



REPRESENTATIVE MATT SCHAEFER

District 6



This ornament celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles and Apache Band. Since 1947, these prestigious organizations have entertained audiences throughout Texas and around the world. The painted feathers symbolize the honor of these students performers, while the gold roses on top of the ornament pay tribute to the city of Tyler, known as the Rose Capital of the World.

*Artist: Molly Mosby
Tyler Junior College Apache Belles*



REPRESENTATIVE JAY DEAN

District 7



*T*itled “Leaving a Stamp on the World,” this ornament features Longview icons reimagined as stamps, such as a photo of Representative Dean and the Spring Hill ISD logo.

Colorful glass beads and bronze swirls encircle the ornament with “Merry Christmas” across the top.

*Artists: Howard (Bud) Dunn, Teacher
and Art Students
Spring Hill High School, Spring Hill ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



*P*alestine's spectacular dogwood blossoms and the local railroads are represented on this ornament. Both are a testament to the region's history, environment and spirit of commerce.

*Artists: Osvaldo Palacios, 12th Grade
and Ms. Connie Teal, Art Teacher
Palestine High School, Palestine ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WRAY

District 10



The students at J.R. Irvin Elementary School used paint and permanent marker to show what their campus can look like in winter snow, while red and green flakes show grass and holly hidden beneath the snowflakes. The reindeer and Christmas tree lend additional holiday spirit to this ornament, and symbols of J.R. Irvin and Midlothian ISD display school pride.

Inside of the ornament, miniature gifts represent each school campus in the school district.

*Artists: Noah Beechey, Jade Carlos, and Ryleigh Morgan, 2nd & 3rd Grade
and Mrs. Sherise Webster, Art Teacher
J.R. Irvin Elementary School, Midlothian ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE KYLE KACAL

District 12



Established in 1846, Limestone County has a rich history that is celebrated on this ornament.

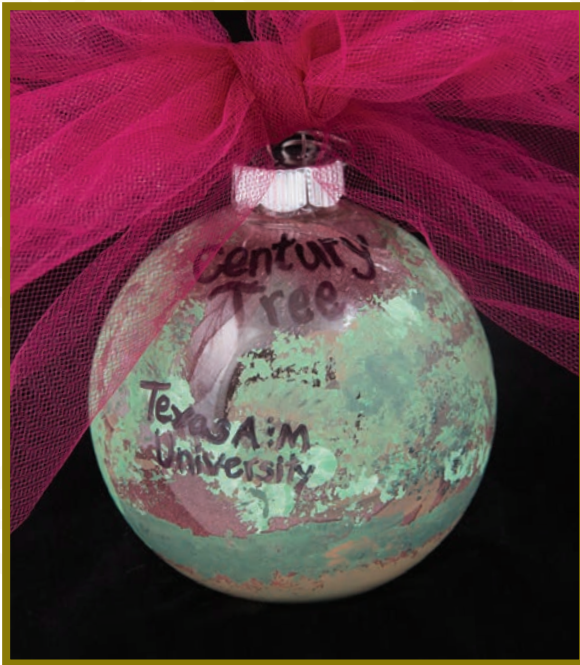
Photographs of the County Courthouse (built in 1924) and Fort Parker State Park (established in 1935 and completed in 1942) are featured alongside a Sheriff's Officer badge.

Artist: Linda Wilson



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RANEY

District 14



The Century Tree is a live oak located on the Texas A&M campus, near the Academic Building. As one of the first trees planted on the 5,200 acre campus, it demonstrates the university's rich history of tradition.

*Artists: Tyler Payne, 4th Grade
and Charly Stagg, Teacher
Southwood Valley Elementary School, College Station ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MARK J. KEOUGH

District 15



*Artist: Velocity Zermeno, 11th Grade
(Jenny Lucas, Teacher)
The Woodlands High School, Conroe ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE WILL METCALF

District 16



Artist: Dianne Semands



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. CYRIER

District 17



Recalling childhood memories of hometown Christmas parades with cowboy Santas, this ornament entitled “A Longhorn in Lights,” features bright, multicolored Christmas lights on the iconic animal’s horns.

*Artist: Karissa Boyce
Lost Pines Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE ERNEST BAILES

District 18



*I*nterspersed with holly and berries, this ornament features the names of the counties in District 18: Liberty, San Jacinto and Walker.

Artist: Billie Trapp



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES WHITE

District 19



“Be the Change,” the motto of the Eagle Theatre Geeks club, is featured in front of a black and white heart-shaped image, while the inside is filled with red paper swirls.

*Artists: Lexi Mitchell (12th Grade), Callie Hadley (11th Grade),
and Emerson Marly (10th Grade)
(Gem White, Teacher)
Woodville High School Eagle Theatre*



REPRESENTATIVE DADE PHELAN

District 21



*S*anta Claus appears on one side of the ornament, crafted from markers and acrylic paints. The opposite side features the message: “Merry Christmas, Nederland.”

*Artist: Valerie Simoneaux, 11th Grade
(Mr. Michael Crommett, Teacher)
Nederland High School, Nederland ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE FAIRCLOTH

District 23



This ornament, entitled “Christmas in Galveston,” features palm trees, sand and seashells.

*Artist: Candace Lepo, Art Teacher
Ball High School, Galveston ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE GREG BONNEN

District 24



This ornament commemorates Hurricane Harvey and the resulting historic flooding that impacted Galveston County and District 24 in 2017. Dickinson ISD and its students have a long-standing tradition of a fighting “Gator” spirit; they are “Texas Strong,” uniting to help rebuild the community.

*Artists: Fisher Palmer, 4th Grade
and Kimi White, Art Teacher
Bay Colony Elementary School, Dickinson ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



A dancing couple represents the Madrigal Feast held every other year at the Center for the Arts and Sciences in Clute. The ornament also depicts NASA astronauts at the planetarium, along with Texas symbols like the mockingbird, the yaupon shrub and the shape of our great state.

*Artist: Norma Robuck
Brazosport Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ZERWAS

District 28



The MKT Railroad (nicknamed “the Katy”) once connected Katy to downtown Houston, thus giving the city its name. This ornament honors the classic red MKT train as a symbol of the area, with rhinestones and a red bow as decoration.

*Artist: Amy Yang, 12th Grade
(Kim Glasgow, Teacher)
Seven Lakes High School, Katy ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE ED THOMPSON

District 29



Vibrant paintings displaying Pearland ISD students' varied interests cover this ornament. The vivid colors depict the extracurricular activities that contribute to the rich culture of District 29. The words "Pearland, Community, Unity, Strength and Texas" are meant to evoke the district's core values.

*Artist: Mark Villalpando, Art Teacher
Pearland ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE W. MORRISON

District 30



This ornament was inspired by Texas beaches.

*Artists: Caroline Hawes and Lisa Waterbury
Crafty Chics*



REPRESENTATIVE TODD HUNTER

District 32



The names of District 32's communities surround the phrase "Texas Strong," showcasing efforts to recover together from the effects of Hurricane Harvey. The image inside of this ornament includes references to the new Harbor Bridge under construction, which will be the longest cable-stayed bridge in the U.S. and the tallest structure in South Texas upon completion. A ship represents the improvement project to improve the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. The Port of Corpus Christi is the 4th largest in the U.S. in total tonnage and recently became the #1 exporter of U.S.-produced crude oil. Salt at the bottom of the ornament symbolizes Representative Hunter's Desalination Summit to explore water options for the future.

Artists: Diane LaRue and Garrett Huls



REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN HOLLAND

District 33



*W*hether the sun is setting over a lake or behind a building, the citizens of District 33 enjoy the area's beautiful sunsets. Warm colors and a silhouetted tree represent the spectacular evenings experienced in the district.

*Artist: Shay Cronin
Art's A Blast!*



REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO MUÑOZ, JR.

District 36



Artist: Andrea Chavez



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE LUCIO III

District 38



Swirls of red, green and white provide the background of this ornament, portraying the history, culture and traditions of District 38. References include the annual Charro Days Fiesta, Brownsville Market Square, the World Birding Center at Resaca de la Palma State Park, and a cannon representing the Battle of Resaca de la Palma during the Mexican-American War.

*Artists: Frida Arellano, Sara Arellano, Valeria Garcia, Emiliano Ocampo, and Karina Torres
Jubilee Leadership Academy Brownsville, Jubilee Academic Center*



REPRESENTATIVE TERRY CANALES

District 40



Coming Soon!

The palm trees inside of this ornament are representative of the semitropical climate enjoyed in District 40. Also inside, an accordion and a guitar speak to the residents' admiration of tejano music and traditions.

*Artist: Edgar Hinojosa
Johnny G. Economedes High School*



REPRESENTATIVE R.D. "BOBBY" GUERRA

District 41



*F*ull of life and color, this ornament honors the natural beauty that fills south Texas, especially at Quinta Mazatlan. This Spanish revival style estate in McAllen is home to hundreds of bird and butterfly species, including the monarch butterfly that migrates through this region on its journey to Mexico. The monarch is viewed symbolically in many ways, depicting new life, spiritual souls, change, hope and life. Also pictured on this ornament is the green jay bird, one of many birds that shows off its beauty and vibrant colors in Quinta Mazatlan. The gorgeous bougainvillea flower, popular in this region, is also painted on this ornament.

Artist: Laura Mangelschots



REPRESENTATIVE J.M. LOZANO

District 43



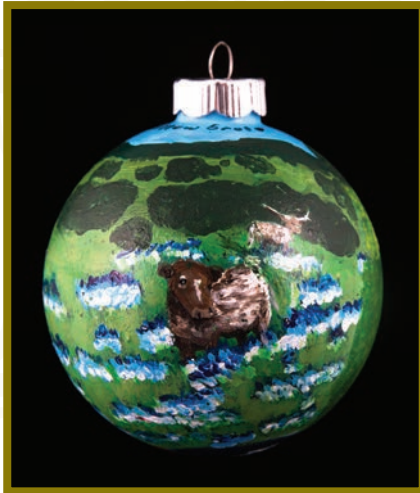
This ornament represents the dawning of a new day over an area damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Despite the destruction, the wind turbines across District 43 stood tall after the storm. The dawn, sunrise and towering structures on this ornament represent the hope of the people in the coastal bend region, as well as their spirit to come together and stand Texas Strong.

*Artists: Abriana Quintero, 11th Grade
and Dawn Jagger, Art Teacher
Sinton High School, Sinton ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JASON ISAAC

District 45



The District 45 ornament celebrates the proud agricultural legacy of longtime ranching families in the Texas Hill Country. The artist is a fifth-generation Blanco County resident who lives with her family on 1,200+ acres of ranchland that has been worked by the Grote family since the 1870s.

*Artist: Willow Grote, 11th Grade
(Diane Hudson, Teacher)*

Lyndon B. Johnson High School, Johnson City ISD



REPRESENTATIVE PAUL WORKMAN

District 47



The paintings on this ornament depict the scenery and active animal life in west Travis County. One side depicts a view from inside the cave at Hamilton Pool, looking toward the pool and falls. The other side features a mockingbird, the state bird of Texas, in a winter scene of native plants.

Artists: Judy Wisdom and Bell Crawford



REPRESENTATIVE DONNA HOWARD

District 48



*Artists: JoLynn Rettig, Teacher
James Handzel, Kendra Moe, Eve Barilla-Deuschle, Lacey Dominguez,
Sara Hernandez and Elijah Lugo, 5th Grade Students
Oak Hill Elementary School, Austin ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE CELIA ISRAEL

District 50



*Artists: Cindy, Elle, Alexandria, Ethan and Riley, 3rd - 5th Grade
and Joanna Rosales, Teacher
Mott Elementary School, Pflugerville ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

District 51



*Artist: Maggie Crawford, 10th Grade
(Javier Barbosa, Painting II Teacher)
Del Valle High School, Del Valle ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW S. MURR

District 53



*O*ne side of this ornament depicts the beautiful, Gothic style Crockett County courthouse in Ozona. The westernmost county in District 53, Crockett is named for Alamo defender Davy Crockett. The other side features a tumbleweed snowman, surrounded by two common local plants, the purple sage and banana yucca.

Artist: Ora Ann Hart Fowler



REPRESENTATIVE HUGH D. SHINE

District 55



Entitled “The Independence Ball,” this ornament, showcasing the artist’s love for both art and Texas history, features depictions of the Alamo, the San Jacinto Monument, the first flag of the Republic of Texas, and our current state flag.

*Artist: Michael Donahue
Department Chair, Visual Art
Temple College*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES “DOC” ANDERSON

District 56



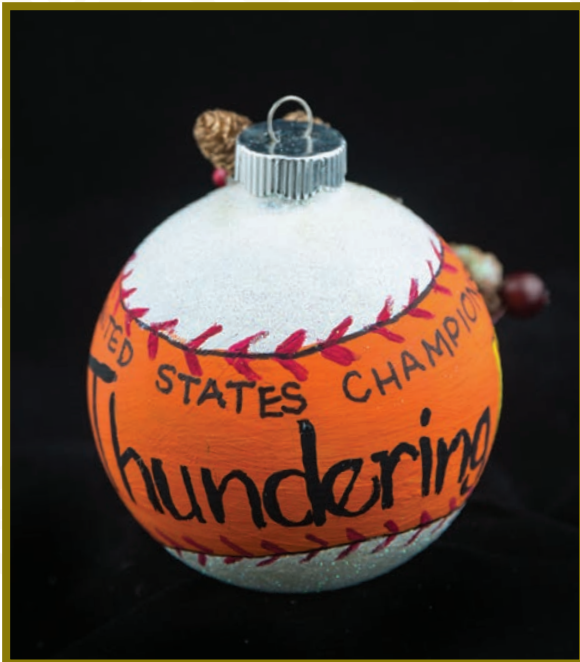
This design represents Waco landmarks in the style of influential impressionist painters Vincent van Gogh and Henri Matisse, to showcase Waco’s growing art community and cultural district. Artists and local business patrons collaborate and support each other to grow the artistic community in Waco.

*Artist: Julie Milstead
Creative Waco*



REPRESENTATIVE TRENT ASHBY

District 57



One side of this ornament is painted like a baseball to recognize the Lufkin students who won the 2017 United States Little League Championship, with their team nickname, the “Thundering 13” featured as well. The other side is open to reveal a miniature pine tree, set inside of the ornament, with pine cones and twigs outlining it on the outside.

*Artists: Myrna Ramirez, 7th Grade
and Sylvia Hayes, Art Teacher
Lufkin Middle School, Lufkin ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE DEWAYNE BURNS

District 58



The precious thumbprints of students in the four-year-old class were used to create this string of colorful Christmas lights.

*Artist: Jennifer Burns
Wee School, First Baptist Church Cleburne*



REPRESENTATIVE J.D. SHEFFIELD

District 59



A ballerina dances inside this frosty ornament, encircled by musical notes and glittery gold filigree with fabric roses on top.

*Artist: Angel Escobar, 12th Grade
Dublin High School, Dublin ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MIKE LANG

District 60



This inventive ornament includes students' paintings and laser etchings, created by a laser printer. The image depicts the story of the birth of Christ.

*Artists: Elliott Roe (5th Grade), Mattie Ibarra (10th Grade)
and Todd Gibson, Teacher
Acton Elementary School and Granbury High School, Granbury ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE PHIL KING

District 61



Representing Parker County's strong heritage, this ornament features the clock tower of the Parker County Courthouse which was built in the mid-1880s and is currently undergoing renovations. The ornament also features the area's famous product, the Parker County Peach, which is celebrated every summer during the Peach Festival.

*Artist: Kaylee Moeller, 12th Grade
(Gloria V. Andrews, AP Art Teacher)
Aledo High School, Aledo ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



This shimmering blue and green ornament depicts the Lake Texoma Dam, also known as Denison Dam. Lake Texoma is one of the largest man-made lakes in Texas.

Artist: Christian Marie McGowan



REPRESENTATIVE LYNN STUCKY

District 64



*N*orthwest of Dallas, Denton has been nicknamed “Little D,” as seen on this ornament. Also featured, two trees surrounding the beautiful Denton Courthouse-on-the-Square, a recognizable view for many people.

Artist: Courtney Stucky



REPRESENTATIVE RON SIMMONS

District 65



This ornament was painted as an ode to the artist's school, district and state. The design features the state of Texas encircled by a Christmas wreath.

*Artist: Natallie Buchanan, 12th Grade
(Mrs. Cindy Sommerman, Art Teacher)
(Mr. Peter Cott, Career and Technology Instructor)
Creekview High School, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MATT SHAHEEN

District 66



This ornament, entitled “Good Citizens,” portrays a friendly and diverse community coming together.

*Artist: Brayden J. Samuels, 2nd Grade
(Mrs. Jennifer Perkins, Teacher)
Saigling Elementary School, Plano ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JEFF LEACH
District 67



*R*ichardson's beautiful spring bluebonnets, Plano's famous Balloon Festival held every September, and Allen's legendary high school football team are each portrayed on this ornament to represent all of the cities in District 67. Merry Christmas!

*Artists: Becky Leach and Charlotte Leach, 1st Grade
Wife and Daughter of Rep. Leach*



REPRESENTATIVE DREW SPRINGER

District 68



This ornament, entitled “You don’t just move to Texas, it moves into you,” was created by artist Joe Conner, originally from England. Now a Gainesville resident, Conner’s obsession with Texas skies, and District 68’s sunrises and sunsets, became the inspiration for her mixed paper collage ornament.

*Artist: Joe Conner
Gainesville Area Visual Arts*



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES FRANK

District 69



This ornament, featuring a reindeer, Christmas tree and snowman, was inspired by a local, long-standing holiday display known as MSU-Burns “Fantasy of Lights.” This display, originally owned and created by the late Mrs. L.T. Burns, was repaired and restored by volunteers on the grounds of Midwestern State University in 1974.

Artist: Betsy Edwards



REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT SANFORD

District 70



*P*ainted by artists at Cornerstone Ranch, where adults with intellectual and physical disabilities live and thrive, this ornament features the alpacas living on the ranch. Having residents care for these creatures builds on the core Christian values of the ranch, which seeks to provide not only a family-centered environment, but also a safe place where independence thrives, character grows, confidence is nurtured, and life is lived abundantly.

*Artist: Sarah Rush
Cornerstone Ranch*



REPRESENTATIVE STAN LAMBERT

District 71



*R*epresentative of West Texas, this painted ornament showcases the area's famous sunsets and wide open landscapes. As a third-generation Abilene resident, the artist has many memories of growing up here and knows the area well.

Artist: Diane Hulburt



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



West Texas sunsets and cactus are some of the most beautiful features in District 72, and serve as the backdrop to this multidimensional ornament.

Monarchs rest on top of the ornament, as the butterflies migrate through the area in early fall. There have been sightings of up to 10,000 monarchs at a time in District 72.

*Artist: Amy Lindemann
ArtzyAmy*



REPRESENTATIVE KYLE BIEDERMANN

District 73



The title of this ornament, “The Light of the World,” was inspired by a manger scene from District 73. This title is a reference to the baby Jesus, cradled inside the ornament by gold leaf instead of straw.

*Artist: Barbara Boothe Loyd
Die Künstler von Fredericksburg (The Artists of Fredericksburg)*



REPRESENTATIVE PONCHO NEVÁREZ

District 74



The ornament depicts the mountains and natural landscape of Big Bend Ranch State Park. A brilliant sunset and sunrise reflects the warmth of District 74.

Artist: Isai Ramirez



REPRESENTATIVE MARY E. GONZÁLEZ

District 75



*Artist: Robert Dozal
Dozal Fine Arts Gallery*



REPRESENTATIVE CÉSAR J. BLANCO

District 76



*V*ibrant renditions of traditional cultural images are painted on District 76's ornament, meant to depict life in El Paso.

*Artist: Anissa Gonzalez, 12th Grade
(Mrs. Ortiz, Teacher)
Riverside High School, Ysleta ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE TRACY O. KING

District 80



*T*itled "Panther Pride," this ornament is covered in silver and blue paw prints to represent the United South High School's mascot.

*Artist: Anahi Ledezma, 11th Grade
(Jennie Sanchez, Teacher)
United South High School, United ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE BROOKS LANDGRAF

District 81



This detailed ornament is a tribute to hardworking ranch families. A scene of west Texas cowboys rounding up and branding young calves surrounds the ornament. Blue and red are reminiscent of the Texas flag. The copper stars, located on the blue and red bands, symbolize the lone star. Silver and gold dots denote the starry nights and early mornings in District 81. The sun on the horizon may either be either rising or setting, as ranch work days are long. Small seed beads are woven into the rope encircling the ornament.

Artist: Edna J. Krueger



REPRESENTATIVE TOM CRADDICK

District 82



*O*ne side of this ornament shows the Santa Rita #1, an oil well that has been called the “discovery well of the Permian Basin” and helped to start the petroleum industry in Midland.

On the other side, an aerial view of the landscape is dotted with numerous well pads, which are visible when flying into the Midland International Airport and Space Center.

*Artist: Dee Kemp
Midland Palette Club Art Center*



REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN BURROWS

District 83



A blue sky serves as the backdrop for this painting of a prickly pear cactus, common in Lubbock and west Texas.

Artist: Shannon Cannings



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. FRULLO

District 84



A bright red sky, silhouetted windmill and vast cotton field exemplify District 84's agricultural heritage and open spaces.

On the opposite side of the ornament, the students of Trinity Christian School included a Christmas greeting above the Lubbock skyline, symbolizing the hospitality of the area.

*Artists: Wei Chen Lou, 12th Grade
and Lorinda Morin, Teacher
Trinity Christian School*



REPRESENTATIVE PHIL STEPHENSON

District 85



*Artist: Mary Koczanowski
Wharton County Junior College*



REPRESENTATIVE FOUR PRICE

District 87



This ornament features the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts: a 1,300 seat performance hall located in downtown Amarillo. This space was designed for excellent acoustics and is home to the Amarillo Opera, the Amarillo Symphony, and the Lone Star Ballet.

Artist: Gina Astuto



REPRESENTATIVE KEN KING

District 88



In honor of local firefighters, District 88's ornament was created to show the community's gratitude to those who fought the devastating wildfires in March 2017.

Artists: Collaborative piece



REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE KLICK

District 91



*Artist: Sheila Cahill
Haltom City Senior Center, Art Director*



REPRESENTATIVE JONATHAN STICKLAND
District 92



*Artist: Jennifer Blythe, 12th Grade
(Carolyn Allen, Teacher)
Trinity High School, Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MATT KRAUSE

District 93



*D*istrict 93 is the proud home of the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium. This ornament features a painting of the stadium with Santa and his reindeer flying above. A snowflake in the style of the Cowboys' Star, is found on the opposite side.

*Artist: Michelle Tackett, 12th Grade
(Susan Reeder, Art IV Teacher)
Lamar High School, Arlington ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE TONY TINDERHOLT

District 94



Displaying the spirit of Christmas, this ornament features a decorative tree adorned with the City of Arlington's logo as the star on top. The district is represented with "94" painted on the opposite side of the ornament. The wreath and Santa hats add a whimsical touch, while snow falls to signify the winter season.

*Artist: Brianne Hernandez, 9th Grade
(Lauren Kulesz, Teacher)
Martin High School, Arlington ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG GOLDMAN

District 97



*H*ighlighting Fort Worth's "Cowtown" nickname, this ornament features a longhorn with a string of Christmas lights around its horns. A field of wildflowers and bluebonnets, the state flower of Texas, surrounds this magnificent creature.

*Artist: Chloe Hewitt, 11th Grade
(Mr. Cavan Crane, Teacher)
R.L. Paschal High School, Fort Worth ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE GIOVANNI CAPRIGLIONE

District 98



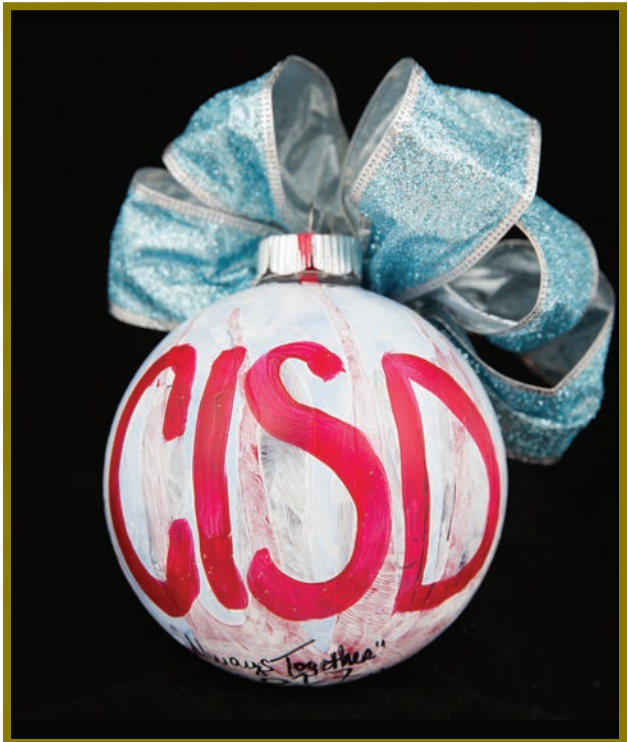
The traditional holiday colors red and gold cover this ornament with interlocking swirls representing positive energy. Large red hearts represent love within the District 98 community.

Artist: Cheryl Houston



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE GEREN

District 99





REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TURNER

District 101



The student artists at Tarrant County College Southeast created a winter scene reminiscent of a snowglobe inside of their ornament, complete with a miniature tree, presents and fake snow, to show how beautiful Texas is during the holiday season.

*Artists: Jose Villa and Elijo Ledesma
(Mrs. Sharon Covington, Teacher)
Tarrant County College, Southeast Campus*



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA KOOP

District 102



With headquarters in nearby Irving, Exxon Mobil's Pegasus logo has been a unique symbol of Dallas for many years. The ornament's red and blue color scheme showcases Pegasus while also representing the colors of the Texas flag. The other side of the ornament features a red, white and blue painting of the district's number "102."

*Artist: Madison Hotchko, 12th Grade
(Sonia Krusleski, Teacher)
Richardson ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO

District 104



This ornament features scenes from the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, including the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, which spans the Trinity River and connects Oak Cliff to downtown Dallas. Also included: Texas Theatre, Bishop Arts District and the giraffe statue at the Dallas Zoo's entrance.

Artist: Gail Moore

Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association



REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY ANDERSON

District 105





REPRESENTATIVE PAT FALLON

District 106



The artist, an intern for Representative Fallon, painted a night skyline to represent the growth of the District 106 area on one side of this ornament. The other side features a green painting of Texas with a red “Merry Christmas” message.

*Artist: Madison Level, 10th Grade
Justin Wakeland High School, Frisco ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN MEYER

District 108



*Artists: Lily Kay (3rd Grade), William Kay (Kindergarten),
Molly Smith and Luella Smith
Stonewall Jackson Elementary School, Dallas ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



The District 109 ornament features the royal colors of gold and pearl with rhinestone accents, to highlight two new additions to the state Capitol. One side of the ornament features a photo of the new Texas African American History Memorial statue, and the other side shows the newly designed Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC) logo. Representative Giddings became chair of the TLBC during the interim between the 84th and 85th legislative sessions. Happy holidays from District 109.

Artist: Stephani Clark



REPRESENTATIVE TONI ROSE

District 110



Settling just east of Dallas around 1879, John M. Balch soon found that the land he had selected was home to many springs. When locals began using the springs as a community meeting place and “watering hole,” they referred to it as “Balch Springs.” From there, a town was established and eventually grew into the city it is today.

The ornament’s blue bow and crystals represent the water springs, while the cherry blossom stems inside depict the community. Just as water brings life to the cherry blossoms, Mr. Balch’s springs brought life to a community that will continue to nurture and grow his legacy.

Artist: Troi J. Cluse



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



This ornament is painted in red, silver, and gold colors seen in the city emblems of District 112. The ornament includes a red “112” and “Button” in gold script for the district’s representative, Angie Chen Button.

*Artist: Lizzy Hampton, 12th Grade
J.J. Pearce High School, Richardson ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE CINDY BURKETT

District 113



A 3D-printed yellow sun sits inside the ornament behind a painted “S” on one side, representing the Sunnyvale ISD logo. The other side features a painting of Sunnyvale High School’s motto: “Strive, Honor, Serve.” Snow inside of the ornament adds a wintery feel.

*Artists: Duncan McDougall (STEM: 3D printing)
and Kayla Frank (painting), 12th Grade
(Melissa Bennett, STEM Teacher)
(Wes Colwill, Art Teacher)
Sunnyvale High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JASON VILLALBA

District 114



Entitled “Christmas Longhorn,” this ornament features a modeled longhorn, Santa hat on head and Christmas lights wrapped around horns, a cheerful representation of the school’s mascot. The other side of the ornament features a merry Santa riding a reindeer, cowboy hat in hand.

Artist: Manuel Antonio Alvarado Gutierrez, 11th Grade

(Ms. Beltran, Teacher)

W. T. White High School, Dallas ISD



REPRESENTATIVE MATT RINALDI

District 115



*Y*ellow, orange and red blend to create a warm background behind the state of Texas, painted like the Texas flag, and a letter "T" above. The opposite side of the ornament features a star and eagle.

*Artist: Nancy Reyes, 12th Grade
(John Tahaney, Teacher)
Jack E. Singley Academy, Irving ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE PHILIP CORTEZ

District 117



More than 25 students at Jefferson Middle School in Northside ISD collaborated to create this ornament. The students hand cut silhouettes to represent District 117's agricultural history. The colors silver and black were used to create contrast and symbolize San Antonio's favorite team, the Spurs.

*Artists: 7th & 8th Grade Art Students
(Jeremy Nemec, Art Teacher)
Wallace B. Jefferson Middle School, Northside ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE ROLAND GUTIERREZ

District 119



*F*ull of San Antonio pride, this ornament shows a Christmas tree that is donated by H-E-B every year and placed in front of the Alamo. This ornament also showcases the tradition of winter walks along the River Walk, and the wonderful views of the city from Tower of the Americas. The flag waving over the Alamo is a reminder of Texas pride.

Artist: Gabriela Ortega



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



A rosy-cheeked Santa Claus narrates “The Night Before Christmas” for the Talking Book Program (TBP). The program offers braille, large print and audio book library services for Texans with visual, physical and reading disabilities. Found in Santa’s sack of toys is a Digital Talking Book Machine, used for audio books, as TBP loans machines and materials to users for free.

Artist: Missy Harris



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



This ornament, created by a local artist, celebrates San Antonio's Tricentennial. In 1718, Mission San Antonio de Valero, later known as the Alamo, and Presidio San Antonio de Béjar, a Spanish fort, were established as part of a colonial outpost called Villa de Béjar. The Alamo and the "300" were painted using bright colors reminiscent of "Fiesta," the largest annual festival in the city.

Artist: Cruz Ortiz



REPRESENTATIVE LYLE LARSON

District 122



This ornament depicts the campus of TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas, founded in 1893 in San Antonio by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Throughout the school's history, the goal has been to educate servant leaders. TMI alumni have enriched District 122 through service in many professions, including as members of Congress, military officers, a bishop and other clergy, ranchers, doctors, lawyers, university administrators and professors, teachers, and artists. At the center of the ornament's design is All Saints Chapel, completed in 2008. TMI appreciates the support of the community and aims to give back through numerous service projects during the school year, aiding organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, San Antonio Food Bank, Hill Country Daily Bread, and many others.

*Artist: Cassie Gnehm, Art Teacher
TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas*



REPRESENTATIVE DIEGO M. BERNAL

District 123



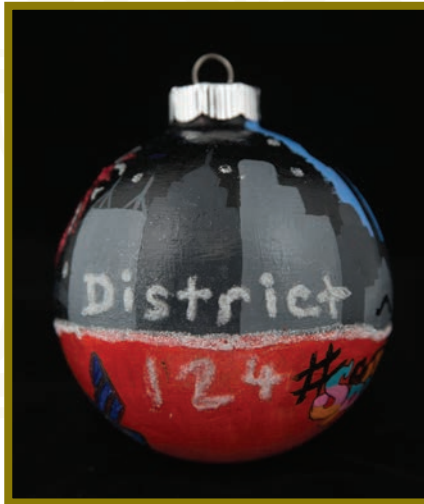
Marking the establishment of the Alamo in 1718, this ornament celebrates San Antonio's upcoming tricentennial. Like a cascarone, or confetti egg, it is filled with colorful confetti. Figurines on top of the ornament represent the families and friends in District 123, while a strip of blue symbolizes San Pedro Creek. Happy Birthday, San Antonio, and Merry Christmas.

*Artist: Rex Hausmann
Hausmann Millworks*



REPRESENTATIVE INA MINJAREZ

District 124



A painting of the John Jay High School 50th anniversary logo and images from SeaWorld portray District 124 on this ornament.

The San Antonio skyline and images representing the San Antonio Spurs and Lackland Air Force Base show the district's commitment to the entire San Antonio community.

*Artist: Victoria Esquivel, 12th Grade
(Carol Weissler, Teacher)*

John Jay Science and Engineering Academy, Northside ISD



REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ

District 125



*S*anta Claus and a reindeer enjoy their last days of hot Texas weather in San Antonio on this ornament. Sporting a tan, Santa is relaxing before returning to the cold North Pole. Have a very happy Texas Christmas, y'all.

*Artist: Emma Taylor, 11th Grade
Oliver Wendell Holmes High School, Northside ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN ROBERTS

District 126



*Artist: Joel Cook, Art Teacher
Klein Cain High School, Klein ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE DAN HUBERTY

District 127



*M*iniature ornaments, filling this ornament, represent a mantra:
No matter the size, life is beautiful. Photos of Representative Huberty,
District 127, and the ornament artists are featured on the outside.

*Artists: Brianna Huberty
with Garrett Houghton, Kevin Campbell, Fabian Rabalais,
Parker Thrailkill, Morgan Crum, and Kris Maxymillian, 12th Grade
Atascocita High School, Humble ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE BRISCOE CAIN

District 128



The artist recently visited the White House to display pieces from his Portrait of a Warrior Memorial Art Collection and was named 2017 Baytown Citizen of the Year. This ornament depicts a soldier kneeling with his gun and helmet on one side and a soldier playing “Taps” on a bugle on the other side. This artwork serves as a reminder of the great personal sacrifice made by our military to ensure all may enjoy the Christmas season safely in America.

Artist: Ken Pridgeon



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS PAUL

District 129



Recalling Hurricane Harvey and the resulting flooding that affected District 129 and the surrounding areas, this ornament features paintings of residents and their pets being rescued in boats. The gray background includes a rain cloud with the words “Harvey 2017.”

Artist: Eliza Paul



REPRESENTATIVE TOM OLIVERSON

District 130



*D*istrict 130's ornament represents what the community has experienced in the second half of 2017, from the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in August to the Houston Astros winning the World Series on November 1st. This ornament demonstrates the ways in which the community came together to serve neighbors during this difficult time. The phrase "Houston Strong" is featured in front of the city's skyline, alongside images symbolizing the hurricane and flood.

Artist: Beth Brubaker



REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

District 133



*Artist: Arron Kirkwood
West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)*



REPRESENTATIVE GARY ELKINS

District 135



*D*istrict 135's ornament displays the Berry Center, where the communities of the district came together in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

*Artists: Mackenzie Willis, 10th Grade
and Mrs. Jayne Zalewski, Teacher
Cypress Park High School, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE TONY DALE

District 136



The artwork on this ornament represents the Central Texas Gold Star Memorial Monument erected in 2017 by American Legion Post 911 at the Cedar Park Veterans Memorial Park. The ornament replicates the black granite panels of the monument, evoking memories of family, homeland, patriotism and sacrifice. The monument and ornament pay tribute to families who lost loved ones in military service.

Artist: Michelle Blankenship



REPRESENTATIVE GENE WU

District 137



The phrase “Love Trumps Hate” was chosen to represent the power of love and the ability to welcome others and appreciate one another’s differences. District 137 is a diverse community that embraces the spirit of love and unity.

*Artist: Alisson Rodriguez, 12th Grade
Gulfton Force, YES Prep Public Schools*



REPRESENTATIVE MARY ANN PEREZ

District 144



With large letters spelling out “HOUSTON STRONG,” this ornament displays the adage that now has great significance to the residents of District 144, where Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts have been both immense and ongoing. The area has demonstrated resilience, strength and a genuine desire to care for others. The letters were created and trimmed from pictures of District 144 landmarks, such as Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto College Flag. Additionally, the names of the district’s cities (La Porte, Baytown, Pasadena, South Houston and Deer Park) surround the top of the ornament.

*Artists: Hollie Fulsom and Samantha Davis
San Jacinto College*



REPRESENTATIVE CAROL ALVARADO

District 145





REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FARRAR

District 148



*Artist: Erin Chávez, Principal
Looscan Elementary School, Houston ISD*