



‘TIS THE SEASON
2011



The Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree

2011

Celebrate the season 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 statewide.

Members of the Texas House of Representatives were invited to decorate the 2011 Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree with an ornament created in their district. This unique collection now hangs proudly on a native Texas tree celebrating the many facets of our nation's second largest state, home to 25 million people.

The following pages provide a closer look at these handcrafted 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/find-your-representative/>.

The Texas House of Representatives would like to thank the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association for providing this 20 foot Virginia Pine from Elves Farm in Denison, Texas, and the five Fraser Firs placed throughout the Capitol Building from Evergreen Farms in Elgin, Texas, and Elves Farm in Denison, Texas.





REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE LAVENDER

District 1



*B*right colors on this ornament represent the new businesses, people and opportunities in District 1. The colorful gems represent the light and sparkle of the surrounding communities and towns.

*Artists: Mrs. Berry's Kindergarten Class
Nash Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE DAN FLYNN

District 2



This ornament was painted by a young resident of District 2 who recently became an American citizen, and has embraced the country's Judeo-Christian heritage through art.

***Artist: Dmitry Federov
Wills Point High School***



REPRESENTATIVE ERWIN CAIN

District 3



*Decoupage*d on this ornament are images of Paris, Texas, the "Second Largest Paris in the World." Images include Pyro the Dragon, the mascot of Paris Junior College, which has three campuses in Paris, Greenville and Sulphur Springs and boasts an enrollment of 4,000 students. Other Paris landmarks featured include the Chamber of Commerce/Plaza Art Gallery, the Trail de Paris, the Trolley de Paris, the Eiffel Tower and an architectural drawing of the Veteran's Memorial.

*Artist: Helen Bonham Short
Plaza Art Guild*



REPRESENTATIVE LANCE GOODEN

District 4



*D*ogwood, pine trees and cotton bolls represent three of the many plants and trees that are abundant in Kaufman and Henderson Counties, an area with a tradition rich in agriculture and tourism. District 4's counties are considered the gateway to East Texas.

Artist: Julie Cox Hamm



REPRESENTATIVE LEO BERMAN

District 6



*D*istrict 6, specifically Smith County, is known for its Tyler Roses. In honor of these beautiful blooms, this ornament is surrounded by gilded red tissue paper roses.

*Artists: Elizabeth Schoenbrun, Sarah Osman, Kassidy Poole, Shelby Ridley, Tai Wasson, Lauren Evans, Anne Falconer, Haley Henson, Lexi Hossley and Lilley Lewis
All Saints Episcopal School- 6th graders*



REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SIMPSON

District 7



*This ornament depicts the bright, starry nights of District 7, and is painted in the style of Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night* with the East Texas influence of oil derricks.*

***Artist: Hannah Kutch
White Oak High School***



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



*I*t is said that Christ died on the branches of a Dogwood, a tree that is indigenous to the District 8 area. Painted on this ornament are images of a Dogwood blossom and Christ on the cross. The blossom is said to be like the cross with the red tip as a reminder of the blood Christ shed for our sins. The suns in the background represent the light of Jesus Christ in our lives and in our community.

Artist: Luis Banuelos
National Art Honor Society



REPRESENTATIVE JIM PITTS

District 10



This ornament depicts the historic courthouses in Ellis and Hill Counties, the two counties that comprise District 10. The ornament also is decorated with a cotton boll and a crepe myrtle bloom, both of which are commonly found in the area.

Artist: Emily Oliver



REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK HOPSON

District 11



This ornament honors East Side Elementary in District 11, which was built in 1938 and is one of the oldest school buildings in Jacksonville, Texas. The *Jacksonville Daily Progress* newspaper makes up the background of the ornament, with photographs of the current school building and an image of the new building, which will be completed in August 2012, layered on top. This ornament reflects the anticipation of the new building and the beginning of a new chapter at East Side Elementary.

Artist: East Side Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE ROB EISSLER

District 15



This ornament depicts the Lighting of the Doves, which is celebrated every year in The Woodlands and heralds the beginning of the holiday season. The doves remind the citizens of District 15 of the importance of peace in the world, especially during this special time of year.

Artist: Donna Vadala



REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON CREIGHTON

District 16



On April 21, 2011, the City of Conroe, Montgomery County and the Friends of the Flag Foundation dedicated the Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park in Conroe to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. This site will educate visitors about a crucial chapter in Texas history: the time when independence from Mexico was won and a new republic was established. In the center of the plaza stands a 14 foot tall bronze statue called "The Texian."

Portrayed as a veteran of the Texas Revolution, he holds aloft the Lone Star Flag, the striking banner that became the national flag of Texas in 1839. The sculpture was created by the award-winning Conroe artist Craig Campobella, and "The Texian" was painted on this ornament to honor the landmark that was established in Conroe that day.

***Artist: Lois Blackburne
Friends of the Flag Foundation***



REPRESENTATIVE TIM KLEINSCHMIDT

District 17



This ornament celebrates the different counties of District 17. The background is painted gray, with the county names written in gold and silver glitter around the top.

Artist: Lexington High School Art Department



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OTTO

District 18



This ornament depicts the city of Liberty's Liberty Bell, the only true replica of the original Liberty Bell in Philadelphia as it was first cast, notably without the famous crack. It weighs 2,016 pounds and was made at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London in 1960, and presented as a gift to the citizens of Liberty, Texas, by sisters Sally and Nadine Woods. A bell tower was constructed at the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center and a ringing dedication held on April 24, 1976, in honor of the 200th anniversary of our nation's founding. The bell tolls on numerous historical and special occasions each year.

*Artist: Janice Bodenhamer
Liberty Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES SCHWERTNER

District 20



This ornament depicts a western theme with bluebonnets, a longhorn and a barn, as well as a cowboy riding a horse. Its artwork was inspired by the beautiful landscape of Georgetown, Texas, in District 20.

Artist: Alonzo Olivas



REPRESENTATIVE ALLAN RITTER

District 21



*A*s a tribute to the heritage of Nederland, Texas, settled by immigrants from Holland in 1898, citizens of the city erected an exact replica of a Dutch windmill. The Nederland Dutch Windmill is located on Boston Avenue in District 21 and includes a museum to honor the city's Dutch settlers.

*Artist: Abbey Montalvo (age 11)
Granddaughter of Representative Allan Ritter*



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY TAYLOR

District 24



*I*nside this ornament are two paintings, one representing the marine recreation areas of District 24, and the other representing the gazebos and local parks which are the hubs of family and community life in the district.

Artist: Jackie Liddell



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



This ornament illustrates the history of District 25 during the days of the Republic. The items depicted include the Stephen F. Austin Statue in Angleton, the first capitol building in Columbia, and the Yellow Stone sidewheeler steamboat used in the Brazos River by Sam Houston, which also transported General Santa Anna from San Jacinto to Velasco. The slogan for the area, "Where Texas Began," also is included.

*Artist: Harry Sargent
Brazosport Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE HOWARD

District 26



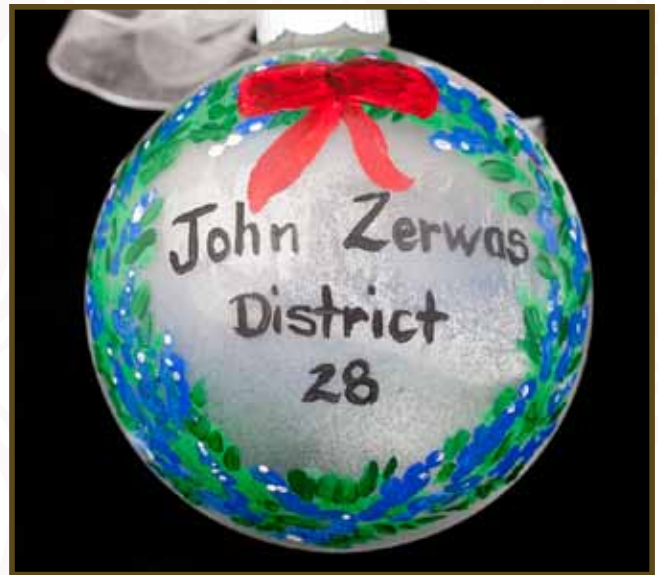
The items featured on this ornament represent some of Sugar Land's most historic icons. Sugar Land, located in District 26, is known for its beautiful landscape and the Imperial Sugar factory for which the city was named.

*Artist: Kim Nguyen
William P. Clements High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ZERWAS

District 28



The Brookwood Community is a God-centered, non-profit, educational, residential and entrepreneurial community for adults with special needs in District 28, whose hand-painted bluebonnet and Texas flag products are featured in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum gift shop. Brookwood is also known for its beautiful poinsettias; their horticulture department has grown 42,000 plants for the 2011 Holiday season.

Artist: The Brookwood Community



REPRESENTATIVE RANDY WEBER

District 29



This ornament features the Santa Fe Railroad, longhorn cattle, an oil derrick and coastal shells, all of which are familiar sights to the residents of District 29.

*Artist: Gay Paratore
Art Alliance Center of Clear Lake*



REPRESENTATIVE RYAN GUILLEN

District 31



This ornament represents Falcon Lake on the Rio Grande River, which connects all of District 31's counties. Roma, Texas, is home to one of the region's many birding centers, where visitors may view the diverse migratory birds of the area. The ornament also features an ebony tree and a collection of the district's most popular birds, including the Green Jay, Scarlet Tanager, Great Egret, Cardinal and the Audubon's Oriole.

***Artists: Hector Ochoa, Alexia Barrera, Jessica Moreno, Vivian Cortez,
Michelle Garcia and Monica Gillette (Teacher)
Roma High School Art Club***



REPRESENTATIVE TODD HUNTER

District 32



The fisherman, surfer and cowboy pictured on this ornament are representative of the people and activities that can be found in District 32.

*Artist: James Arturo
Nephew of Representative Todd Hunter*



REPRESENTATIVE CONNIE SCOTT

District 34



This ornament represents the economic and environmental jewels of the Coastal Bend.

Artist: Ruben Toscano



REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO MUÑOZ, JR.

District 36



This ornament features the cities that comprise District 36, as well as historic landmarks found within the region. These features are what make the district unique and special; each depicts a distinct part of the history of South Texas.

*Artists: District Office Staff
Representative Sergio Muñoz, Jr.*



REPRESENTATIVE ARMANDO MARTINEZ

District 39



This ornament is decoupage with pages from Scripture that tell of Christ's birth and proclaim, "Joy to the World." It is adorned with hand-painted images representative of District 39, including palm trees, citrus and one of the many species of birds found in the area.

Artist: Sarah Cuadra



REPRESENTATIVE J.M. LOZANO

District 43



This ornament features students riding on a train on a snowy day. The students who contributed to the ornament's design are represented by their names and unique fingerprints.

**Artists: Lindy Rogers (Teacher) and Pre-Kindergarten Class 3
Epiphany Episcopal School**



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KUEMPEL

District 44



Green pastures, rolling hills, Texas Bluebonnets, prickly pear cactus, barbed wired fences and live oak trees are featured in the beautiful rural landscapes of District 44.

Artist: Shelley Henderson



REPRESENTATIVE JASON ISAAC

District 45



This ornament depicts three things characteristic of District 45. First, the peach is a major commodity of Blanco County. Second, the Luling Watermelon Thump in Caldwell County is a major tourist attraction every year. Finally, the Balcones Escarpment in Hays County has created many unique caves, including the famous Wonder Cave in San Marcos.

Artist: Carole Turner



REPRESENTATIVE PAUL WORKMAN

District 47



This ornament depicts today's view of the beautiful, growing city of Austin as seen from District 47. South Austin keeps its original serene feel by recognizing the importance of creativity, individuality and beautiful space.

Artist: Aaron Darling



REPRESENTATIVE MARK STRAMA

District 50



The Christmas season is greatly anticipated at
Kathy Caraway Elementary School in District 50!

Artist: Haley Betron
Kathy Caraway Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

District 51



Known as "The Pride of the Eastside," Eastside Memorial High School in Austin instills a great sense of community in District 51. This ornament was created by one of its students to honor the school's legacy.

***Artist: Jennifer Garza
Eastside Memorial High School***



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY GONZALES

District 52



This ornament features the festive Christmas scenes in downtown Round Rock and Georgetown, the two major cities of District 52.

Artist: Oscar Galvan



REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE DON AYCOCK

District 54



In honor of District 54's commitment to higher education, this ornament depicts the bell tower at Central Texas College and future buildings at Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

Artist: Joe Fiddle



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES "DOC" ANDERSON
District 56



*B*luebonnets are featured on this ornament representing District 56, illustrating the natural beauty of the greater Waco area and the scenic byways of McLennan County.

Artist: Auburn Sears



REPRESENTATIVE MARVA BECK

District 57



This ornament represents the historic 1886 courthouse that stands in the heart of Leon County in Centerville, Texas, the home of Representative Marva Beck. Restored in 2007 to its Renaissance Revival style, the Leon County Courthouse is one of the oldest active courthouses in Texas. Various images of the courthouse square, including the Leon County Veterans Memorial, the 1913 jail and the 1887 jail, are decoupage on the ornament. Embellishments of beading, rhinestones, handmade roses, paper tags, ribbons and an old skeleton key have been added to illustrate the vintage beauty of the courthouse. No visit is complete until one climbs the grand staircase to the second floor and steps back in time to the courtroom. “All rise, court is now in session.”

Artists: Shelly Payne and Carole Dickey



REPRESENTATIVE ROB ORR

District 58



The education of all children is of the utmost importance. This ornament is presented in honor and appreciation of the elementary school teachers of Texas.

*Artist: Ashley Pirtle
Frazier Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE SID MILLER

District 59



This ornament, entitled "The Cattle Trails of Erath County," honors the cattlemen of District 59's Erath County who have endured a tough year due to the drought. The ornament is painted with glass paint and fired in a kiln, then outlined with gold paint to represent cattle trails.

Artists: Bonnie Welch and Kay Marcum



REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER

District 60



This ornament was inspired by the prominence of turquoise in home décor. The inside of the ball is coated with glitter and the sides feature Texas cowboy boots. Paisley was hand-painted in red, gold, white and burnt orange. The brass greeting and bow complete the ornament, reflecting Texas colors and the spirit of District 60.

Artists: James Brookhart and Cathi Ball



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



This ornament celebrates the arts in District 62. An abundance of visual and performing arts is available in Grayson and Fannin Counties, including many artist studios and galleries, an art center, a theater and a symphony. The Texas sign featured on this ornament is from the Texas Theater in Sherman; the theater no longer remains, but the sign is now on permanent display in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

***Artist: Missy Lamb Sofey-Andrews
Sherman Art League***



REPRESENTATIVE TAN PARKER

District 63



*D*istrict 63 represents very diverse rural and metropolitan communities.

Whether commuting to a city job or driving cattle to a greener pasture, residents use many of the same roads and highways. This ornament includes a decoratively shredded map of the area, with highway and farm road signs that can be seen on district roads painted on the outside of the globe.

Artist: Shadow Ridge Middle School



REPRESENTATIVE MYRA CROWNOVER

District 64



*F*or this ornament, students of Ginnings Elementary School in District 64 created a color design of patterned beads on wire with a spiral twist. One string was hung inside to create interest.

Artists: Julissa Carallero, Angela Vallejo, Damari Romero, Michelle Vidales, Emely Nava, Kimberly Maldonado, Wendy Pena, Natalia Camacho, Edith Quiroz and Kay Adamson (Teacher)
Ginning Elementary Art Department



REPRESENTATIVE BURT SOLOMONS

District 65



This ornament was created by a 5th grade member of the Annie Heads Rainwater Elementary Art Club in District 65. The design was inspired by the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. The scene depicts the city of Bethlehem, the star that guided the way and the words "Silent Night" from the favorite Christmas hymn. The colors red, white and blue represent both the Texas flag and the flag of the United States of America.

Artist: Brady Sparkman Morgan



REPRESENTATIVE VAN TAYLOR

District 66



This ornament illustrates the gift God gave humankind over 2,000 years ago, His son, while also expressing His love for each of us.

*Artist: Michelle Rusk
Plano Children's Medical Clinic*



REPRESENTATIVE JERRY MADDEN

District 67



*D*istrict 67 is home to one of North Texas' signature events, the Plano Balloon Festival. With its long vistas, Plano is the perfect backdrop for this annual event, filling the skies with a colorful display of the many balloons taking to the air. This ornament, in the shape of a hot air balloon and decorated in the colors of the Texas flag, pays homage to this thrilling tradition.

*Artist: Rex Kare
Collin College*



REPRESENTATIVE RICK HARDCASTLE

District 68



A century and a half ago, Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians roamed the north central region of Texas, including District 68. The area's Native American heritage is illustrated in this ornament by turquoise stones. The ornament is further decorated with small white flowers, which are Roadside Asters that grow wild along the roadsides and in the fields of the area. Encased in the ornament is wheat grown in Hardeman County, while crowning the top is a deer antler button made from a Young County deer antler.

Artist: Anita Palmer



REPRESENTATIVE KEN PAXTON

District 70



This ornament illustrates the proclamation of the birth of Christ from the angels to the shepherds, as well as the journey of the three Wise Men.

*Artist: Tyler Butcher
Prestonwood Christian Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN KING

District 71



This is the third ornament in a series entitled "The Jewels of District 71...The People." As a resident of District 71 and a West Texan, I am constantly in awe of God's gifts to us and all mankind. Encrusted with over 1000 Swarovski Crystals, the tri-paneled globe focuses on the birth and resurrection of Christ (red), the life source of rain and water (blue and green) and the constant hope and prayer for rain in dry but glorious West Texas (clear and blue).

Artist: Representative Susan King



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



This ornament celebrates District 72 and the year 1947, when Representative Drew Darby was born. Small vignettes from each rural community are depicted, along with a blue '47 Chevy stepside shortwide taking a tour from town to town.

Artist: Julie Raymond



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG MILLER

District 73



The official state music of Texas is western swing. Three historic venues for old western swing music are shown on the ornament: Gruene Hall, Freiheit Country Store and Luckenbach. This holiday season, may the happy memories from many years of western swing music come pouring forth from these Texas music halls.

Artist: Jane Felts Mauldin



REPRESENTATIVE MARISA MARQUEZ

District 77



This ornament is a representation of a 25-foot sculpture created by the ornament's artist and inspired by the University of Texas at El Paso's (UTEP) iconic symbol of the pickaxe. The sculpture, called "Mining Minds," acknowledges the school's investment in present and future technologies while paying homage to its origins in mining. The sculpture's binary code is based on an inspirational quote by UTEP President Dr. Diana Natalicio: "Believe in yourself and in your dreams. Believe in UTEP and its aspirations. Share the dream!" UTEP is located in the heart of District 77.

Artist: Michael Clapper



REPRESENTATIVE DEE MARGO

District 78



This ornament features cacti, the Franklin Mountains and the blue El Paso sky. The mountains are a prominent landmark in District 78, and the blooming cacti represent the district's desert ambience.

***Artist: Angelimarie Davila Rivera
Chapin High School***



REPRESENTATIVE TRACY KING

District 80





REPRESENTATIVE TRYON LEWIS

District 81



This ornament was designed by three students from Blackshear Elementary Magnet School, whose combined efforts represent the diverse culture of West Texas. The familiar symbols of a horse, livestock and oil derrick demonstrate the pride and commitment of the area's residents to the Odessa community.

Artists: Lionel Cabezuela, Bryce Walters and Dayana Cenicerros



REPRESENTATIVE TOM CRADDICK

District 82



This ornament illustrates the natural beauty of District 82 and West Texas, including the colorful sunsets and cacti for which the region is known.

Artist: Bonnie S. Johnson



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES PERRY

District 83



This ornament celebrates the West Texas evening landscape. Fall lends itself to explosive colors in District 83; photographers and painters come to the area to witness the vibrant colors.

Artist: JoBeth Gilliam



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN FRULLO

District 84



This ornament reflects things for which the Lubbock area is known: its sandstorms, flatlands and the city's most famous son, Buddy Holly. Lubbock is reflected in Mr. Holly's famous glasses, while the earpieces read "District 84" and "Not Fade Away," the name of one of Holly's most popular songs.

*Artists: Emily Brodbeck, Maria Hernandez, Josie Lawson and Bethany Rolan
Lubbock High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM LANDTROOP

District 85



*D*ried sunflower seed, cotton seed, side oat, buffalo grass, cattail, milo, wheat and bluebonnet were placed inside this ornament for District 85. These items represent the dry ground, and the Lord's faithfulness to us.

"Jesus is in our hearts and we are in His hands."

Lauren Landtroop (6th grade), upon hearing the artist's intent

*Artist: Sally Gubser
Plainview Christian Academy and High School*



REPRESENTATIVE WALTER "FOUR" PRICE

District 87



This ornament reflects the unique characteristics of District 87, along with each of the four seasons the district is fortunate to enjoy. The pheasant in the Sherman County winter scene represents an area known as the "Pheasant Capital" of Texas. The Bell V-22 Osprey Helicopter in the fall scene is often spotted flying above Potter County. The wind turbine in the spring scene provides a valuable source of energy for the state and dots the skyline throughout the district, including Carson County. The windmill in the summer scene represents the agriculture industry, which is a major source of the area's heritage, like this one in Moore County.

Artist: Darren Mooneyham



REPRESENTATIVE WARREN CHISUM

District 88



*T*his ornament features several items of importance to District 88. One is the Canadian River Wagon Bridge, which was completed in 1916 and spans 3,255 feet. At the time, it was the longest metal truss structure west of the Mississippi and vital to serving local and regional transportation. Another is Engine 299, which was engineered by H.Y. Wilson in the 1900s and which ushered in a new way of life in Canadian, Texas. Also featured is the Women's Christian Temperance Union Building, which was built in 1902 and now serves as the Hemphill County Library. Lastly, a horse and cowboy are shown in honor of the group of cowboys responsible for the idea of public steer roping and horse-riding contests in 1888.

Artist: Cara Dawn Macias



REPRESENTATIVE JODIE LAUBENBERG

District 89



This ornament depicts the horses, past and present, of District 89. The background features graphite sketches of wild horses in motion, with colorful depictions of the gentle horses as seen today layered on top. The two layers represent the idea that, although horses are powerful beings, they also are gentle and graceful, just like the people of this region when working together for the same cause.

Artist: Emily Sinacola



REPRESENTATIVE LON BURNAM

District 90



This ornament celebrates the school and neighborhood pride of the Polytechnic Area in District 90, including T. A. Sims Elementary School in Fort Worth.

Artists: Yessenia De La Cruz, Teryn Hallman, Tomas Moncayo, Angela Gavilan, Ramon Covarrubias and Cavan Crane (Teacher)



REPRESENTATIVE KELLY HANCOCK

District 91



SafeHaven is an agency serving victims of domestic violence and their children in District 91. Purple is the color of domestic violence awareness, and the purple snowflakes represent all of the children served by *SafeHaven*: each one unique. The purple and silver ribbons represent the threads of hope offered to victims in the community by *SafeHaven*.

*Artists: Alvaro, Arianna, Arayana, Des'Tannae, Gregory, Marissa, Tanisha
SafeHaven Children's Program*



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



The colors on this ornament represent the multiculturalism of District 92 and the idea that, even though its residents are from different parts of the world, they all are united.

*Artist: Rychland Martin-Horne
Trinity High School*



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



This ornament's simple design reflects the easy-going feel of the Hurst Eules Bedford (HEB) area.

*Artist: Jazzmyn C.
L.D. Bell High School*



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA NASH

District 93



*D*istrict 93 is the proud home of the Texas Rangers. This ornament was created to honor the Rangers' 2011 World Series performance. It is painted to resemble a baseball and includes actual fabric logos for the Rangers, Major League Baseball and the 2011 World Series.

Artist: Spray Gleaves



REPRESENTATIVE DIANE PATRICK

District 94



This ornament depicts landmarks of the Arlington entertainment district, including Cowboys Stadium, Six Flags over Texas and Rangers Ballpark.

*Artist: David Burk
Williams Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE MARC VEASEY

District 95



The ornament for District 95 celebrates the spirit of Sunrise-McMillian Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas.

*Artist: Marsha French
Sunrise-McMillian Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE BILL ZEDLER

District 96



This ornament includes images, logos and slogans for numerous points of interest and communities within District 96.

Artist: Susan Wright



REPRESENTATIVE MARK SHELTON

District 97



*D*istrict 97 is home to Texas Christian University. This ornament celebrates the TCU spirit with a purple and white color scheme and the Horned Frog mascot. Go Frogs!

Artist: Jenny Reitz



REPRESENTATIVE VICKI TRUITT

District 98



The yellow rose depicted on this ornament represents the friendliness of the people of District 98.

Artist: Lindsey Dunnagan



REPRESENTATIVE ERIC JOHNSON

District 100



Depicted on this ornament is the reindeer the children of District 100 are most hoping to see this Christmas: Rudolph!

Artist: Krystal Brown



REPRESENTATIVE CINDY BURKETT

District 101



This ornament celebrates the recording arts and sciences, Gospel music and the work of Representative Cindy and Mr. Mike Burkett, strong advocates of downtown Mesquite, Texas, as a revitalized cultural district. The burgundy purple mist paint that coats the background is an iconic color associated with the vintage guitars of the artist, Grammy Award Winner Art Greenhaw, a longtime resident of District 101. Also depicted on the ornament is a three-dimensional gospel scene celebrating the birth of Jesus.

*Artist: Art Greenhaw
The Light Crust Doughboys*



REPRESENTATIVE STEFANI CARTER

District 102



*Every snowflake is unique, as is every student in the
Richardson Independent School District.*

*Artists: Emily Cromwell and Edwin Chavez
Richardson High School / Arts, Law and Science Magnet*



REPRESENTATIVE RAFAEL ANCHIA

District 103



Painted on one side of this ornament is an image of Pegasus Villas, an historical building in District 103 that provides seniors with affordable housing and quality care. The winged horse Pegasus is painted on the opposite side.

Artist: Gwen McGinnis (age 85)



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO ALONZO

District 104



This ornament represents the W. E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy and the love its students have for all things artistic. The academy proudly celebrates over 25 years of education in the arts and, as part of Oak Cliff's colorful artistic heritage, joins the famous Texas Theater and Bishop Arts District in enriching the lives of the residents of District 104 and the surrounding communities. Middle school students from Greiner have intense training in performing and visual arts. Many will continue that training into high school and beyond, while all of them will carry proud traditions of the arts throughout their lives.

***Artists: Katelyn Cook, Wendy Luna, Lorena Olide and JoAnna Henry (Teacher)
W. E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy***



REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH SHEETS

District 107



White Rock Lake, a central fixture in District 107, celebrated its centennial this year. The gilt interior of this ornament is reminiscent of the Art Deco style which can be found in the architecture around White Rock Lake. The dragonflies represent the abundant nature in the area; they zip around the lake's edge reflecting the lively energy of the surrounding community.

Artist: Dawn Cleaves



REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRANCH

District 108



*An icon of Dallas, the downtown skyline is a view most familiar to the people around it, including residents of District 108. The basic skyline silhouette on this ornament is composed of scraps from the *Dallas Morning News*, the main newspaper that keeps the community connected. Standing bold against a festive background, it is evident that Christmas is in the air!*

Artist: Allison Hall



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



This ornament celebrates cultural diversity. The definition of “diversity” in the dictionary is “variety,” and that is exactly what District 109 represents. As a people today, we celebrate the differences amongst us, but we know at the end of the day, we are all one people.

Artist: Haley Parsa

Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA MALLORY CARAWAY

District 110



The ornament uses the theme of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to represent diversity and perseverance, which are known throughout the District 110 area of Dallas County. The district includes the southern section of Dallas, including downtown, the Trinity River Audubon Park and A. Maceo Smith New Tech High School.

Artist: Kirk Jackson



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



This ornament celebrates the yellow rose of Texas. The outline of each rose is painted on the outside of the ornament, with yellow and white fabric inside to bring out the roses' vibrant colors.

*Artists: Laura Davila and Glory Bargainer
Garland High School Art Club*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM JACKSON

District 115



The four different, festive colors of balls inside this ornament represent the four major cities of District 115: Addison, Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch.

Artist: Beverly Wagner



REPRESENTATIVE TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER

District 116



This ornament features Woodlawn Lake Park in District 116. The park, which is over 100 years old, includes a lake with a tall lighthouse in the center. The park area recently has been revitalized with beautiful landscaping and a paved running track. Woodlawn Lake Park is a favorite gathering place to have picnics, exercise, fly kites, ride a bike and feed the ducks.

Artists: Megan Herrera (8th Grade) and Monica Brooks (Teacher)
Longfellow Middle School



REPRESENTATIVE JOE FARIAS

District 118



Depicted on this ornament are Mission San Francisco de la Espada and Mission San Juan Capistrano, located in District 118 in San Antonio, Texas. The missions' silhouettes are shown during sunset to reflect the importance of these gems, essential to both San Antonio and Texas history. The five-pointed Lone Star and the five trees between the missions represent the five missions still in existence. The scallops on top were inspired by the arch cutouts from the building itself.

Artist: Ryan Cano



REPRESENTATIVE RUTH JONES MCCLENDON

District 120



This ornament is painted orange and green in honor of Sam Houston High School's official colors; a swirl design represents the school mascot, the Hurricanes. Depicted around the bottom of the ornament is the skyline of District 120 in San Antonio.

***Artists: Jayda Ratcliff, Shaquida Noble and Jennifer Bieniek (Teacher)
Sam Houston High School***



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



No matter where your travels take you within District 121, you can always see the magnificent San Antonio skyline in the distance. San Antonio is full of culture and history and is famous for the Alamo and the Tower of the Americas. During the holidays, the city erects a huge Christmas tree full of lights and holiday spirit in front of the Alamo.

***Artist: Lisa Mittler
Johnson High School***



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HARLESS

District 126



A replica of the painting *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Johannes Vermeer was featured on the cover of the gala invitation for the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts' grand opening in Spring, Texas, in 2008. This painting, while not owned by the museum, has become the symbol of the great love District 126 possesses for "The Pearl." The PFMFA is one of the greatest gifts to the community and proudly bears the name of Representative Patricia Harless's mother -- Pearl Fincher.

Artist: Jennifer J. Novak
The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



REPRESENTATIVE DAN HUBERTY

District 127



The making and sharing of cupcakes are among the artist's favorite things. In a similar manner, the holidays are about giving and sharing.

This ornament represents a Christmas cupcake to be shared by District 127 with all of Texas.

Artist: Heidi Klosterboer (age 9)



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SMITH

District 128



The background of this ornament consists of images of refineries, which formed the basis of District 128 and the surrounding areas' establishment and growth. The ornament also features images of other district landmarks, such as the Fred Hartman Bridge, the longest cable-stay bridge in Texas, the Lee College logo and Goose Creek. The red and black ribbons represent Goose Creek Memorial High School, which is Goose Creek CISD's newest high school.

*Artists: Kelley Ellis's AP Art Class
Goose Creek Memorial High School*



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN FLETCHER

District 130



This ornament, entitled “Santa’s Elves,” features images of Santa’s workshop and illustrates the importance of the Christmas spirit.

Artist: Michael Gautier



REPRESENTATIVE ALMA ALLEN

District 131



*D*istrict 131 is filled with families of different races, nationalities and religious affiliations. This ornament speaks to the issue of peace among our diverse communities because, even in the midst of turbulent times, Texans show neighborly love and kindness.

Artist: Maya Imani Watson



REPRESENTATIVE BILL CALLEGARI

District 132



This ornament is an homage to the beautiful natural resources of District 132. It is decorated with dyed Texas moss, yellow roses, bluebonnets, pecans and a shining gold mosaic Lone Star.

Artist: Carol Adams



REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

District 133



The warm colors featured on this ornament are representative of the friendliness of southwestern Harris County. The pinecones represent the beautiful buffalo bayou that runs through District 133, as well as the large amount of green space and trails enjoyed by its residents.

Artist: Dr. Kathleen Murphy



REPRESENTATIVE SARAH DAVIS

District 134



This ornament includes symbols for Rice University, Memorial Park and the Texas Medical Center, all of which are important institutions of recreation, education and industry in District 134.

Artist: Evan Oubre (age 12)



REPRESENTATIVE DWAYNE BOHAC

District 138



This ornament represents two things: love and the breast cancer movement. The latter is illustrated with the colors pink and white, the pink ribbon symbol and the stars that signify hope and faith. The former is depicted with paper birds showing love everlasting as the white bird on the outside of the ornament protects the pink bird on the inside.

*Artist: Lucy Nguyen
Spring Woods High School Art Program*



REPRESENTATIVE SENFRONIA THOMPSON

District 141



The jewels and abstract design of this ornament symbolize the growing community and spirit of legacy found in District 141.

***Artist: Tiffany Robinson
Forest Brook Middle School***



REPRESENTATIVE KEN LEGLER

District 144



The ornament depicts a space shuttle in orbit around Earth, whose continents are beautifully represented by hundreds of glass beads. A gleaming star locates Houston in honor of the many men and women who worked so hard over the years to make the United States Human Space Flight program a great success.

*Artist: Monica Luque Thomas
San Jacinto College - Central Campus*



REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FARRAR

District 148



This ornament features paw prints representing our four-legged friends in need of forever homes.

Artist: Sarah Melecki



REPRESENTATIVE DEBBIE RIDDLE

District 150



The artist was selected by her art teacher to design District 150's ornament, which she illustrated with a traditional design of a Christmas poinsettia on a blue background. Bells and ribbons were included to add to the merriment of the season. Carl Wunsche Sr. High School is a unique career academy that has received international recognition.

*Artist: Taylor Ransom
Carl Wunsche Sr. High School*