



‘TIS THE SEASON

2010

Dedication

This book is dedicated to our beloved friend and colleague,
Representative Edmund Kuempel,
who lived every day in the Christmas spirit.



The Honorable Edmund Kuempel

November 29, 1942 - November 4, 2010



The Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree

2010

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 2010 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/find-your-representative/>.

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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 18 foot Virginia Pine from Evergreen Farms in Elgin, Texas, and the five Fraser Firs placed throughout the Capitol Building from Silo Christmas Tree Farm in Temple, Texas, and Evergreen Farms in Elgin, Texas.





REPRESENTATIVE DAN FLYNN

District 2



This ornament, which utilizes hay in its design, symbolizes both the meaning of Christmas and District 2. Hay is a major symbol in the birth of Christ and also plays an important part in the agriculture of Van Zandt County, located in District 2.

*Artist: Kelli Gill
Canton High School*



REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BROWN

District 4



This ornament, which was decorated by 5th grade students at Athens Intermediate School, features a picture of the students in front of the school's TEA Recognized banner. The ornament is adorned with maroon and white ribbons -- the school's colors.

*Artists: Mr. Sanchez and Mrs. Rodriguez's Students
Athens Intermediate School*



REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN HUGHES

District 5



This ornament was hand painted by the teacher and students of the Mineola High School Advanced Art Class. The beautiful scenery was inspired by the piney woods of east Texas and the fantastic fishing lakes of the area.

Artists: Kari Callison and the Mineola High School Advanced Art Class



REPRESENTATIVE LEO BERMAN

District 6



This ornament features Tyler roses as depicted by 6th graders at All Saints Episcopal School in Mrs. Adams' fine arts class.

*Artists: Hannah Huckabee, Madison Beckham and Lindsey LaBlanc
All Saints Episcopal School*



REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY MERRITT

District 7



This ornament, which depicts the dove of peace flying in a starry east Texas sky, is a result of a collaboration between J. L. Everhart Elementary School and Longview High School in the Longview Independent School District. Both schools are International Baccalaureate authorized world schools. The dove represents both the natural beauty found in Texas and the peace that comes to all through the Christmas season.

*Artists: Eusebio Aguirre, Kasie McBride, and Madison Branch
Longview Independent School District*



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



This ornament, which depicts an oil derrick, was created by Representative Byron Cook's mother, Sue Cook. The oil derrick is placed atop a globe of silver paint, which represents the soil upon which oil rigs drill. This ornament has special significance to District 8, as the first commercial oil well west of the Mississippi was located in Corsicana.

Artist: Sue Cook, Mother of Representative Byron Cook



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 is also illustrated 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 represents West Side Elementary School in Jacksonville, located in District 11. West Side is a National Blue Ribbon School for 2010, one of only two in east Texas and only twenty-five in the state of Texas. West Side has had an exemplary rating for the last three school years, is a Gold Star Performance School for commended performance in math and reading, and has just been accepted into the "No Excuses University" network. Through NEU, administration, teachers and staff work together to instill college readiness in every student from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. This ornament reflects the numerous accomplishments of wonderful West Side Elementary!

Artist: West Side Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE ROB EISSLER

District 15



This ornament depicts the Lighting of the Doves, which is celebrated every year in The Woodlands. This year marks the 28th annual Lighting of the Doves, which heralds the beginning of the holiday season in The Woodlands. 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 Lane Vadala



REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON CREIGHTON

District 16



This ornament is a symbol of Montgomery County's great contributions to Texas. It also represents the area's designation as the birthplace of the Texas flag.

Artist: Tricia Matthews



REPRESENTATIVE TIM KLEINSCHMIDT

District 17



This ornament is decorated in a playful, crossword-puzzle style with the names of the counties District 17 encompasses: Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette and Lee. It is accented with holiday colors and sparkles to create a festive feeling.

*Artists: Shaelyn & Hanna Schendel
Garwood Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OTTO

District 18



This dual-sided ornament depicts the Jean and Price Daniel House, completed in 1983. The house was patterned after the Texas Governor's Mansion and includes the wings that were in Abner Cook's original plans for the mansion. The house preserves and displays the library, archives, furniture and mementos of Texas' 38th Governor. The other side of the ornament depicts the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, which opened in 1977 and maintains and exhibits artifacts and documents from Southeast Texas. Both structures sit on 116 acres in Liberty County, donated by Governor and Mrs. Daniel, which is located in District 18.

*Artist: Iva Votaw
Liberty Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE MIKE HAMILTON

District 19



This ornament was created by kindergarten students at Mauriceville Elementary School, located in District 19. Santa is created from a student's handprint, and the snowflakes that decorate the ornament are students' thumbprints.

*Artists: Mrs. Peddy's Kindergarten Class
Mauriceville Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG EILAND

District 23



This ornament was inspired by the traditional blue and white ceramics created by Wedgwood. This ornament captures the many things to do and see on Galveston Island including surfing, Mardi Gras celebrations, bird watching, Dickens on the Strand and beachcombing.

*Artist: Martha J. Terrill
Galveston Arts Center*



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY TAYLOR

District 24



This ornament depicts four different images that are easily recognizable to residents of District 24. Illustrated are the Kemah lighthouse, Friendswood Friends Church, the League City Gazebo and Galveston Bay.

*Artist: Regina Sifuentes Bishop
Student, College of the Mainland*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



The ornament showcases calla lilies, which grow beautifully throughout Brazoria County. The artist drew inspiration from lilies located around her garden pool and created the ornament with polymer clay, Swarovski crystals and ribbon. Following display on the Capitol Christmas Tree, this ornament will be used in a fundraiser held by the Brazosport Art League.

*Artist: Shey Cotten
Brazosport Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE HOWARD

District 26



This ornament, which was created by three students at Elkins High School, depicts three different aspects of District 26. One side, painted by Jacqueline Joyce, features the Elkins High School Knight dressed as Santa. A depiction of the Sugar Land Town Center, decked out for the holidays, was created by Matthew Mounzer. A Missouri City cow, illustrated by Chase Eggleston, completes the ornament and represents the livestock of the area.

*Artists: Jacqueline Joyce, Matthew Mounzer, Chase Eggleston
Elkins High School*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE HOWARD

District 26



The artwork showcases Sugar Land City Hall in Town Square in Sugar Land. On the reverse side, the town name "Sugar Land" is portrayed as Imperial Sugar's logo; Imperial Sugar being what gave Sugar Land its name. The ornament references Sugar Land's history while presenting it in a modern fashion.

Artist: Vanessa Brown



REPRESENTATIVE RANDY WEBER

District 29



The artist was inspired to ponder what Baby Jesus might have thought of the wonderment surrounding His birth. District 29 has a rich heritage of celebrating the Christmas season, and Representative Weber and the artist celebrate the reason for the season each day of the year.

Artist: Michael Slattery



REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE MORRISON

District 30



*D*istrict 30's ornament displays the six flags over Texas because it encompasses the five counties (DeWitt, Jackson, Lavaca, Refugio and Victoria) over which the flags originally flew.

*Artist: Paula Pribyl Kainer
Victoria Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE RYAN GUILLEN

District 31



*D*istrict 31's ornament features a once-in-a-lifetime event that transpired in deep South Texas, from Laredo to South Padre Island, when it snowed on December 24, 2004, and lasted through the early morning hours of December 25, 2004. It was a blessed and wonderful "White Christmas" in Starr County and the rest of the Rio Grande Valley.

Artist: Arnel C. Sunga



REPRESENTATIVE TODD HUNTER

District 32



This ornament, which was transformed into a palm tree, represents the coastal scenery that defines District 32.

Artists: Diana Taylor Arturo & Marcie Taylor



REPRESENTATIVE ARMANDO MARTINEZ

District 39



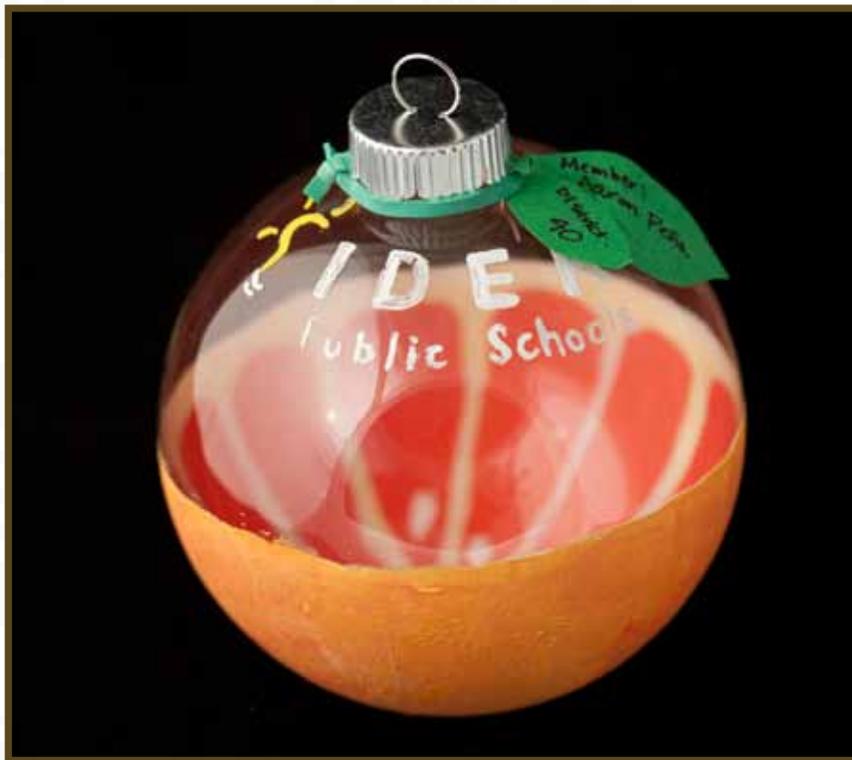
This ornament depicts scenes easily recognizable to residents of District 39. The ornament illustrates the district's proximity to the beach, including South Padre Island and its light house, and images of the aquatic life common to the area.

*Artist: Diana Juarez
Weslaco High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE AARON PEÑA

District 40



This ornament, which depicts half of a grapefruit in a bowl, represents the Rio Grande Valley. The area is well known for its citrus, especially the Ruby Red Grapefruit which grow in the area. This ornament was created by IDEA Public Schools, which are charter schools located throughout the valley. The mission of IDEA is to prepare and send 100 percent of students to college.

*Artists: Jessica Daniel and the art students of period 4B
IDEA Public Schools*



REPRESENTATIVE VERONICA GONZALES

District 41



This ornament, created by a student in the McAllen Memorial High School Art Club, features several images: a gold star, a bright light to remind Representative Gonzales of the students in District 41; a yellow Christmas tree, symbolizing the sunshine in the Rio Grande Valley; a mustang, the mascot of Memorial High School; the state of Texas, to illustrate the students' pride in their state; a gold snowflake, to signify that if it snowed in the Valley, it would be like gold; and blue tinsel, representing the water along the Rio Grande.

*Artist: Rebecca Ferguson
McAllen Memorial High School Art Club*



REPRESENTATIVE EDMUND KUEMPEL

(1942 - 2010)

District 44



*W*hen Representative Edmund Kuempel, my friend and fellow church member, asked me to design an ornament for the Christmas tree in the Texas Capitol's House Chamber, I was honored. Our German heritage and Christmas past came to mind - the scrub cedar tree with lit candles on each branch, popcorn and cranberry garlands and cellophane wrapped hard candies; all unpretentious and down to earth. The round glass globe lent itself to my memory of cellophane wrapped candy. How was I to know that only weeks later those words - unpretentious and down to earth -- "so symbolic of the old days," to quote Senator Jeff Wentworth, would be used in eulogy to describe my friend, Edmund Kuempel?

In Memoriam.

*Artist: Carla Anderson
Seguin Oakwood Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK ROSE

District 45



Created by the Texas State University Metals Guild, this ornament, composed entirely out of metal, is inspired by the colorful wildflowers and blossoms of the Texas Hill Country. Represented in the ornament are the three counties located in District 45.

Hays County is illustrated by the vibrant maroon and gold Indian Blanket flower, which is the official flower of Texas State University. Caldwell County is illustrated by the watermelon plant's bright yellow blossom, which represents the renowned annual Luling Watermelon Thump, now entering its 58th year. Blanco County, known as the "Lavender Capital of Texas," is represented by the lavender flower and is home to the annual Blanco Lavender Festival, which is entering its seventh year.

Artist: Texas State University Metals Guild



REPRESENTATIVE VALINDA BOLTON

District 47



This ornament is decorated with Texas wildflowers in honor of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, which is located deep in the heart of District 47.

Artist: Patti Johnson



REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT NAISHTAT

District 49



This gold ornament, which is adorned with a guitar, illustrates Austin's status as the "Live Music Capital of the World." Gold and silver detailing make the ornament festive while also conjuring up images of sheet music.

Artist: Jo Ellen Gent



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

District 51



*E*astside Memorial High School, located in the heart of Austin's east side, is the first school in Austin to have two schools incorporated into one campus. The creed of Eastside Memorial is that all people, regardless of social or economic condition, must be provided with the capacity to take charge of their lives. Through new modes of teaching and learning, students are empowered to make critical decisions about their futures. District 51's ornament depicts beautiful poinsettias.

Artist: Eastside Memorial High School



REPRESENTATIVE DIANA MALDONADO

District 52



In October, Representative Maldonado toured the Art Institute of Austin, located in the southern part of District 52. Featuring a multi-colored depiction of Santa Claus, the ornament showcases the artistic capabilities of one of the students at the Institute.

*Artist: Dax Norman
The Art Institute of Austin*



REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE DON AYCOCK

District 54



*B*urnet is known as the "Bluebonnet Capital of Texas," and this ornament depicts the blooms that decorate the landscape of District 54 during the spring.

Artist: Kay Pierce



REPRESENTATIVE RALPH SHEFFIELD

District 55



This ornament illustrates the snowfall that decorated the Alamo in 1985. While the Alamo is located in San Antonio, it remains a symbol of the entire state.

Artist: Carole O. Diller



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES "DOC" ANDERSON

District 56





REPRESENTATIVE JIM DUNNAM

District 57



This ornament, which is decorated with white glitter paint, multi-colored dots and silver and gold ribbon, was created by the Waco Center for Youth (WCY). WCY is a psychiatric residential treatment facility that serves teens ages 13-17. The mission of WCY is to "give each youth a chance for change," and the center provides a great service to many teens in the area.

Artist: Waco Center for Youth



REPRESENTATIVE ROB ORR

District 58



*O*ne side of this ornament is illustrated by a Texas flag waving proudly from a holly entwined flag pole. The other side is adorned with a red and gold holiday bow bedecked with holly. The bow also features the names of the counties that make up District 58, Johnson and Bosque. The year 1858 is painted on the ornament as a symbol of the year in which both counties were founded.

Artist: Cathryn Abel



REPRESENTATIVE SID MILLER

District 59



*T*his multi-faceted ornament depicts some of the features that make District 59 unique. The Erath County Courthouse illustrates the rich history and values of the area, while the cow spots symbolize the area's status as a major dairy producer for the state. The picture of a cowboy embraces the heritage of Stephenville.

*Artist: Lacey Brady
Stephenville High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER

District 60



This ornament was inspired by Santa Claus' suit and enhanced with distinctive Texas touches. The globe is a rendition of Santa's belt, complete with a belt buckle inspired by the Lone Star Celebration logo and District 60. In addition to a belt, the ornament is finished off with cowboy boots and a Santa cowboy hat.

Artists: James Brookhart & Cathi Ball



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



This ornament depicts an image of Lake Texoma surrounded by a holly wreath and white glitter.

Artist: Pat Waymon



REPRESENTATIVE TAN PARKER

District 63



*This ornament was inspired by artist Vincent van Gogh's famous painting,
"The Starry Night."*

Artist: Bluebonnet Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE MYRA CROWNOVER

District 64



This ornament is filled with hundreds of future hopes, dreams, and goals -- both personal and professional -- that were handwritten by students and staff of Ronny Crownover Middle School located in Denton ISD. These seemingly small slips of paper serve as a reminder for students and staff to stay on the right track to achieve their dreams and for government to do what is in the best interest of the people it serves.

Artist: Ronny Crownover Middle School Art Club



REPRESENTATIVE BURT SOLOMONS

District 65



This ornament was decorated by LeAndrea Payton, who is a student at Rainwater Elementary School. Her illustration of bluebonnets on a yellow background, with a gold ribbon tied on top, was entered into a competition with the art club at her school, and was selected as the winning design for the ornament.

*Artist: LeAndrea Payton
Art Club, Rainwater Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE VAN TAYLOR

District 66



This ornament was decorated by a staff member at the Plano Children's Medical Clinic, located in District 66. The clinic's doctors donate their time to provide medical assistance to underprivileged children throughout Plano.

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



REPRESENTATIVE JERRY MADDEN

District 67



The ornament was made by children, interns and volunteers with Relief Nursery of Collin County. The ornament is adorned with ribbons representing Relief Nursery's credo, "Strengthening families and keeping children safe." Inside, the white stars represent the children served by Relief Nursery, and the blue Texas shapes represent the number of Texas counties in which Relief Nursery hopes to operate one day. The bottom of the ornament has the Relief Nursery logo so that when people look up they can see the children holding hands in the shape of a heart.

*Artist: Beverly Harris
Relief Nursery of Collin County*



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 illustrated with small white flowers, which are Roadside Asters that grow wildly along the roadsides and in the fields of the area. Encased in the ornament is wheat grown in Hardeman County and crowning the top is a deer antler button made from a Young County deer antler.

Artist: Anita Palmer



REPRESENTATIVE KEN PAXTON

District 70



After being asked by Representative Ken Paxton to illustrate the true historical meaning of Christmas, a student from Legacy Christian Academy decorated this ornament with a cross to represent Jesus Christ, and flowers to represent all people. She was inspired by a garden she had seen at Easter time.

*Artist: Natalie Clark (5th grade student)
Legacy Christian Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN KING

District 71



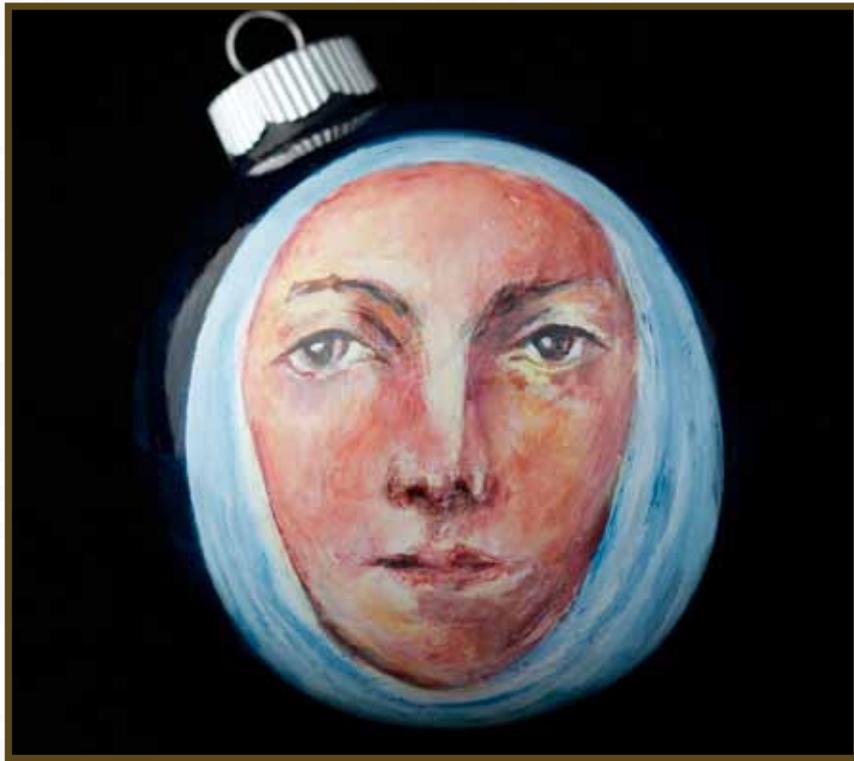
Created by Representative Susan King, this ornament is the second in a series entitled "The Jewels of District 71." Named "The Sky's The Limit in West Texas," this ornament features three different depictions of the skies that are famous in west Texas. Decorated with Swarovski crystals and costume pearls, the first side illustrates day, with its blue sky and white fluffy clouds. The sunset depiction showcases the crimson, pink and amber masterpieces wondrously created by God and enjoyed in this area. The final sky that Representative King showcases is night, illustrated here as dark and deep and studded with glittering stars. The large star in the "East" symbolizes the birth of Christ, as it directed those to find Him.

Artist: Representative Susan King



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



Maria de Agreda, also known as the "Lady in Blue," was born and died in Agreda, Spain, and entered convent life at the age of 15. She is credited for contributing to the evangelization of the Jumano Native Americans in the early 1600s, native to the area of District 72. It has been cataloged that she supernaturally appeared to early tribes in the region before official evangelization missions had even begun. Today, Jumano Native Americans gather with other tribes to honor the "Lady in Blue" annually in San Angelo.

Artist: Elizabeth Starnes



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG MILLER

District 73



This ornament depicts Texas scenery and is topped with a Santa Claus, complete with sleigh, reindeer and a Texas flag. The other side features a young baby's face in a lace wreath to personify the theme, "Doug Miller - Insuring a good future."

Artist: Jane Felts Mauldin



REPRESENTATIVE PETE GALLEGO

District 74



The ornament, which was created by fourth-grade students at Alpine Christian School in Alpine, depicts four cacti plants commonly found in District 74, the Ocotillo, Yucca, Prickly Pear and Century Plant.

*Artists: Gabriella Garcia and Allison Spiers
Alpine Christian School*



REPRESENTATIVE MARISA MARQUEZ

District 77



This ornament represents the diverse social and economic nature of District 77, and the potential of even those residing in the poorest neighborhoods to attend college and achieve success. The model pictured here, Yesenia, is Bowie High School's 2010 Homecoming Queen. She represents the kind of student, with high moral character and academic readiness, who will make the journey from Bowie High School to college, and live an enriching and successful life.

*Artist: Mauricio Olague
Bowie High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE JOE C. PICKETT

District 79



This ornament was inspired by the artist's Native American background, her love of the desert landscape that defines District 79, and the faith she has experienced as she battles A.L.L. Leukemia. 12 year-old Miranda Luna has been a participant of the Creative Kids program at Providence Children's Hospital in El Paso since 2009, where her ability to explore her ideas through art has allowed her to cope with her illness and the challenges she and her family face. Her ornament shows the beautiful mountains and setting sun of the El Paso region, as well as depictions of the missions that populate the area.

*Artist: Miranda Luna
Creative Kids*



REPRESENTATIVE TRACY KING

District 80



In creating this ornament, the artist strove to represent the true meaning of Christmas. It depicts the wise men in silhouette as they travel to meet the Baby Jesus. Inscribed on the ornament are the words, "All hail the King of Kings," to further symbolize the Baby Jesus.

Artist: Matthew Luna



REPRESENTATIVE TRYON LEWIS

District 81



This ornament depicts the jack rabbits that are found all over west Texas. The jack rabbit is the mascot of Odessa, located in District 81. The city of Odessa is decorated with many creatively decorated jack rabbits and is home to the "World's Largest Jack Rabbit."

Artist: Odessa High School



REPRESENTATIVE TOM CRADDICK

District 82



This ornament depicts Christmas in the oil patch, a scene that is easily recognized by residents of District 82.

Artist: Bonnie Johnson



REPRESENTATIVE JOE HEFLIN

District 85



This ornament depicts a prickly pear cactus in the snow with a male cardinal perched atop, a scene easy to imagine in areas across west Texas.

*Artist: Kevva Anderson
Adobe Arts*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SMITHEE

District 86



This ornament depicts a Purple Thistle, a wildflower that grows near Palo Duro Canyon in District 86.

Artist: Janie Rush



REPRESENTATIVE WARREN CHISUM

District 88



This ornament depicts agriculture common to the Texas Panhandle. Using information from LDR Farms, near Pampa, the artist used acrylic and ink to illustrate the main crops of District 88, including grain sorghum, wheat, cotton and corn.

Artist: Theresa Maness



REPRESENTATIVE LON BURNAM

District 90



This ornament honors the accomplishments of the 2010 TCU Horned Frogs Football Team, whose record for the regular season was 12-0. They are now Rose Bowl bound!

*Artist: José E. Chávez
El Mestizo Fine Arts, Fort Worth*



REPRESENTATIVE KELLY HANCOCK

District 91



*Students from the Providing Opportunities for Secondary Transition (P.O.S.T.) program in Birdville ISD created this ornament, which features a beautiful scene from a winter wonderland, complete with sparkly snowflakes and glittery snow! An inspiring message of *Believe* is vividly displayed to remind everyone of the reasons why we celebrate Christmas.*

Artists: Special Services Department/Birdville ISD



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



This ornament depicts the front of Lawrence D. Bell High School, located in Hurst, which is in District 92. The building is surrounded by pine trees and covered in a blanket of snow, giving the ornament a holiday feel.

Artist: Fares Rouabah



REPRESENTATIVE TODD SMITH

District 92



This ornament was inspired by the culture of India. It is decorated with orange, white and green jewels to symbolize the colors of the Indian flag. The ornament also incorporates elements of Indian culture through its use of henna designs, which are permanent tattoos that are applied during special occasions.

Artist: Shazia Jamal



REPRESENTATIVE PAULA PIERSON

District 93



*R*epresentative Pierson used the phrase, "We, Not Me," during her first campaign as her motto for her service to the people of Texas, and has carried it throughout. Artist and grandson Shawn Quirk chose this phrase as decoration for this ornament to demonstrate his grandmother's inclusive attitude in service.

Artist: Shawn Quirk



REPRESENTATIVE DIANE PATRICK

District 94



*This ornament features the Texas Rangers' logo emblazoned with *American League Champions 2010*, and the Dallas Cowboys' logo adorned with *Super Bowl XLV, Cowboy Stadium*. This honors two hometown sports teams and two special sporting events.*

*Artist: Laura St. John, Art Teacher
Wood Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TURNER

District 96



This ornament is hand-painted on the outside and filled with handmade paper stars on the inside. Each star contains a written message that features the answer to the question: "What can I do to make the world a better place?"

*Artists: Bao Tran (outside) and IB Juniors (inside)
James Bowie High School*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE GEREN

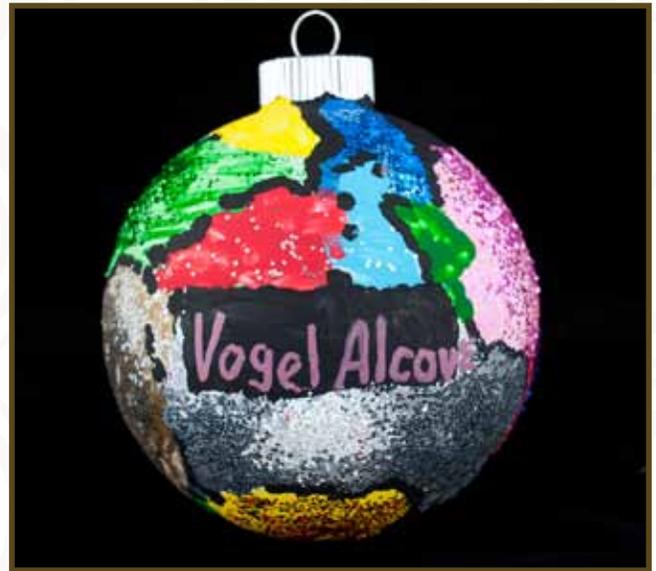
District 99





REPRESENTATIVE ERIC JOHNSON

District 100



This ornament, painted and decorated by preschool children at Vogel Alcove, is symbolic of their feelings of joy, hope, happiness, love and peace as they look forward to the holiday season. Vogel Alcove is a nonprofit organization located in District 100. Since 1986, it has provided free childcare for the youngest children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, of homeless families. The families are referred from 18 homeless shelters throughout the Dallas area.

*Artist: Sandra Elliott
Vogel Alcove*



REPRESENTATIVE CAROL KENT

District 102



This festive ornament, which is decorated with gold paint, crystals and ribbon, incorporates holiday colors to invoke joy and merriment.

Artist: Dorothy Rodgers



REPRESENTATIVE RAFAEL ANCHÍA

District 103



This ornament is a depiction of a wide range of animals gathered in the snow, looking up at the North Star.

*Artist: Trinity Gonzaba
Rosemont Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO ALONZO

District 104



This ornament, decorated with gift-wrapped presents, candy canes and educational symbols, delivers the artists' message: "Education As a Gift."

Artists: J. Salvador Lopez, Guadalupe Lopez and Victoria West



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO ALONZO

District 104



*This snow globe-inspired ornament was presented in a mini Santa sack made of red velvet, bearing the message *Open the Gift*. Attached to the sack, a gift card with Santa's picture was inscribed *To Texans, From State Representative Roberto R. Alonzo*.*

The Gift represents legislators' commitment and dedication to public service as they craft laws that help the people of our great state of Texas. In the spirit of giving and celebrating our savior Jesus Christ's birth, and the wonderful holiday spirit of love and understanding, District 104's snow globe serves as the perfect symbol of hope for a better future through education.

"Sometimes you have to shake it up to get the full effects."

The snow globe is decorated on the outside in diamontique letters with the names of bills sponsored, co-sponsored and supported by Representative Alonzo: Bilingual Education House Bill 1; Mexican American Studies Senate Bill 1; and the Dream Act. Floating inside the globe are snowflakes and glitter.

Artist: Mrs. Sylvana Avila Alonzo



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA HARPER-BROWN

District 105



This ornament, with its depiction of a mustang, represents the symbol of the city of Irving.

Artist: Tim Harper



REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRANCH

District 108



This is a decoupage and painted ornament featuring icons known within District 108. Illustrations include an architectural drawing of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, the logo for Southern Methodist University, the downtown Dallas skyline and Highland Park.

Artist: MéMé Neblett



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



*D*istrict 109 is composed of a very unique and diverse population. The artist chose to design this ornament in a way that would emphasize unity among all people and the importance of love, peace and joy in all our lives.

Artist: Frank Frazier



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA MALLORY CARAWAY

District 110



This multicolored ornament, decorated vibrantly with gold glitter, is named *Dreams*. The ornament illustrates the idea that dreams can come true with education, hard work and diligence.

*Artist: Martin Kelley
W.W. Samuell High School*



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



This ornament is decorated with red paint, which is accented by a free form design painted in gold. The ornament was designed by students from Richardson High School, which is located in District 112.

*Artists: Nick Anderson and Alex Zupa
National Art Honor Society of Richardson High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOE DRIVER

District 113



The ornament is illustrated with a cowboy hat to represent the Resistol Hats company, located in District 113. Also featured are images of a boot, lasso and prickly pear to represent the state of Texas as a whole.

Artist: Wynter Upton



REPRESENTATIVE JIM JACKSON

District 115



This ornament, which is decorated with silver glitter and adorned with white angel wings, also lists the names of the cities that comprise District 115: Addison, Carrollton, Farmers Branch and North Dallas.



REPRESENTATIVE JOE FARIAS

District 118



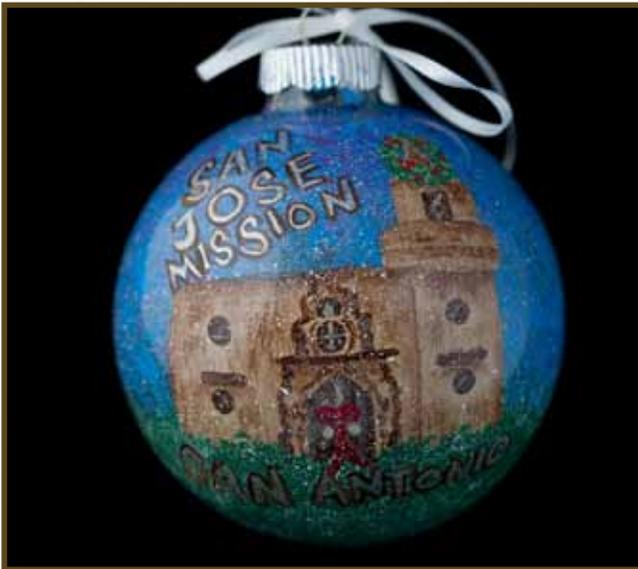
*D*istrict 118 is home to 10 of San Antonio's school districts, which are represented on this ornament. These school districts work hard to provide educational opportunities for the students they serve. Representative Farias is honored to represent District 118's quality public schools as they continue to prepare students for future challenges.

Artist: Marcelino Villanueva



REPRESENTATIVE ROLAND GUTIERREZ

District 119



This ornament depicts the San Jose Mission at Christmas, which is located in District 119. Rich in history, it is a beautiful setting for weddings, family gatherings, seasonal festivals, bazaars, concerts on the lawn and the annual presentation of the Christmas play *Los Pastores*.

Artist: Connie Loreese Wohlfarth



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



This ornament, which features a photo of students and yellow sun artwork, was created by the art teacher at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children. Sunshine Cottage, located in District 121, promotes early identification and intervention of hearing impairment, and provides learning in a rich auditory-oral environment so that children with hearing loss can develop to their maximum potential through listening, language and speech.

Artist: Giovi Carrola



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HARLESS

District 126



This ornament, entitled "Saddle up for NAM," depicts three life-size fiberglass horses that were decorated by area artists and recently sold to benefit Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM), located in Northwest Harris County. NAM is a non-profit, community-based social service agency supported by area congregations, service partner organizations and businesses; it has served those in need for over 27 years. Illustrated in the ornament are three horses created for NAM: *1948 Triple Crown* by Kermit Eisenhut, *Folk Horse* by Elena Zapata and *Daisy Mae* by Deborah Mansfield.

Artist: Sandy Ward



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SMITH

District 128



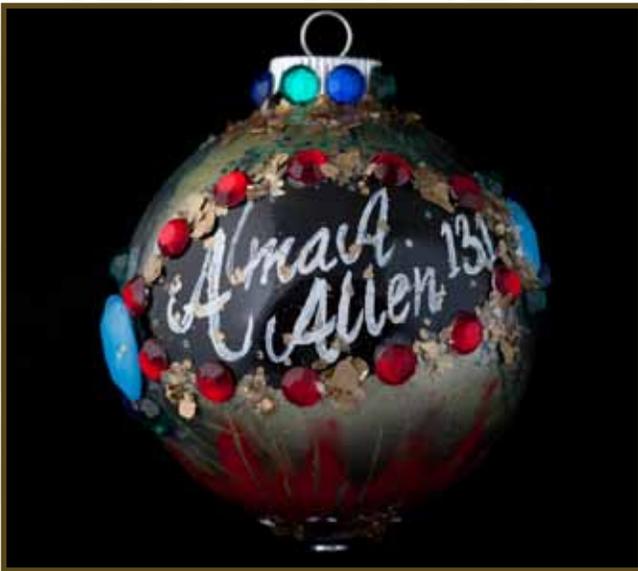
The focal point of this ornament is the San Jacinto Monument, a symbol of freedom for Texas. Located at the base of the monument are depictions of oil tanks and white stars which represent all veterans. The star on the bottom of the ornament represents Christmas hope, and the star at the top represents God's blessings over us.

*Artist: Darlyne Hurst
Deer Park Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE ALMA ALLEN

District 131



The ornament was worked from the inside-out, symbolizing the complete struggle of a district to attempt order and maintain stability. Red represents commitment to the district, green represents a clean environment, gold and silver represent visions of a brighter future and blue represents Houston pride.

Artists: Shape Community Center & MacGregor Elementary School



REPRESENTATIVE BILL CALLEGARI

District 132



*This ornament depicts the motto for the Katy Independent School District, which is located in District 132: *Katy ISD, Where A+ is in our name.**

*Artist: Dea Comeaux
KISD Fine Arts*



REPRESENTATIVE KEN LEGLER

District 144



This dual-sided ornament has two different interpretations of the Texas flag. One side is illustrated with the traditional Texas flag, and is decorated to look like stained glass. The other side has a depiction of the Texas flag that incorporates many things that are unique to District 144. Imposed on top of the flag are pictures of the San Jacinto Monument and Battleship Texas, both of which are located in the Pasadena area. The ornament is also inscribed with a quote from General Sam Houston, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may."

*Artist: Nancy Van Handel
San Jacinto College*



REPRESENTATIVE CAROL ALVARADO

District 145



This dual-sided ornament displays the magnolias that are abundant throughout the East End of District 145. The other side features a buffalo, the mascot of Milby High School. Milby High School is celebrating 85 years as the preeminent influence on education, culture and people of Houston's East End.

*Artists: Mindy Pantojoa and Lizeth Castillo, supervised by teacher Betty Waki
Art Honor Society of Milby High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FARRAR

District 148



This ornament depicts the many bayous that converge in District 148. These bayous are a wonderful urban habitat for all kinds of birds and wildlife and serve as a reminder of the importance of preserving and protecting the environment, not only to benefit wildlife but also to enhance our own environment and improve our quality of life.

*Artist: Lilibeth Andre
Houston Civic Arts Association*



REPRESENTATIVE HUBERT VO

District 149



This ornament, which is decorated with red, glittery stars and red ribbon, is a symbol of the people that reside in Representative Vo's district, the "Stars of 149."

Artist: Karen Loper