

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

IN RECOGNITION OF

The Volunteer Recording Studio

FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Talking Book Program's Volunteer Recording Studio was officially opened by Carolyn Randall in 1978, and over the years has recorded books and magazines about Texas or by Texas authors so that Texas TBP patrons can have access to the rich literature and information about their state; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning the TSLAC studio forged a partnership with the Recording Library of West Texas in Midland that continues to thrive to this day with both facilities providing priceless and valuable recordings for TBP patrons whose lives are enriched and fulfilled because of the service; and

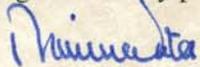
WHEREAS, over the course of the studio's 40-year history, at least 6,000 books have been recorded, both on analog tape and on digital computer files with the longest book ever recorded being *Sironia, Texas* by Madison Cooper (a roman à clef about Waco society) which was completed in 1985 after 14 months and 1,731 pages; and

WHEREAS, three Texas magazines—*Texas Monthly*, *Texas Highways*, and *Texas Parks and Wildlife*—have been recorded for Texas patrons during the entire history of the studio; and

WHEREAS, four volunteers have reached the magical marker of 3,000 hours: Joel Rudd, Therese East, Janice Lathin, and Kerry Pivonka while the recording team of narrator Ev Lunning, Jr. and monitor Brent Holcomb have placed three books into the national catalog of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS, nearly 500 of the studio's recordings are now available on the National Library Service's Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) web site making them available to all talking book patrons with 93,495 downloads and counting to date, now

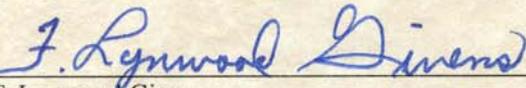
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission congratulates the Volunteer Recording Studio on its 40th anniversary, thanks the studio volunteers for all their contributions of time, talent, and hard work, and wishes them all the very best in the future as they continue to produce audio recordings for the Talking Book Program's many patrons.



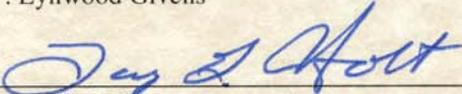
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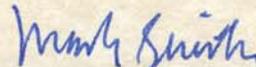
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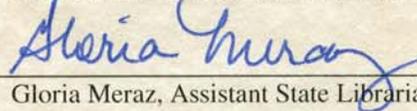
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