



‘TIS THE SEASON

2012



The Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree 2012

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.

For the fourth consecutive year, members of the Texas House of Representatives were invited to decorate the 2012 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 26 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.

Evergreen Farms in Elgin, Texas, and Tim's Trees in Wheelock, Texas, have also generously donated Christmas trees now located throughout the Capitol.





REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE LAVENDER

District 1



The deer atop this ornament and the acorns contained within symbolize the great outdoors of East Texas. Texas is also depicted with a gold star representing Austin and a bright jewel representing the heart of District 1. The artist competed against approximately three hundred other students from the district to win the honor of having his ornament included on the 2012 Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree. The other students' submissions will hang proudly on a local tree in Representative George Lavender's district office.

***Artist: Christopher McDaniel
Morriss Elementary School***



REPRESENTATIVE DAN FLYNN

District 2



The ornament for District 2, entitled “Christmas in East Texas,” was crafted in small pieces and assembled through the top of the ornament to create a snow globe showcasing the Van Zandt County Courthouse. The jewel suspended in the center represents the star that led the wise men to the Savior. The scripture referencing the “East” is fitting for this small East Texas community.

*Artist: Ariel Ashton
Martin’s Mill High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE LANCE GOODEN

District 4



The winter flurry of white and light blue swirling waves represents the movement of the Christmas spirit through District 4 during this time of year.

Artist: Christi Barrett



REPRESENTATIVE LEO BERMAN

District 6



This ornament honors the rose industry that is vital to the communities in and around District 6, specifically Tyler. Begun in the mid-1800s, the rose plant industry in this area now produces millions of roses each year.

*Artists: Sinchana Basoor, Valencia Miles, Kasey Santucci,
Nya Bickham, Madalyn Morgan, Shirin Eijsink, Ellie Walker,
Sadie White, Anna Grace Hallmark and Neeley Pate
6th Grade Students, All Saints Episcopal School*



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



This ornament depicts the beauty of the nativity and the spirit of Christmas that shines throughout District 8.

Artist: Deb Miller



REPRESENTATIVE JIM PITTS

District 10



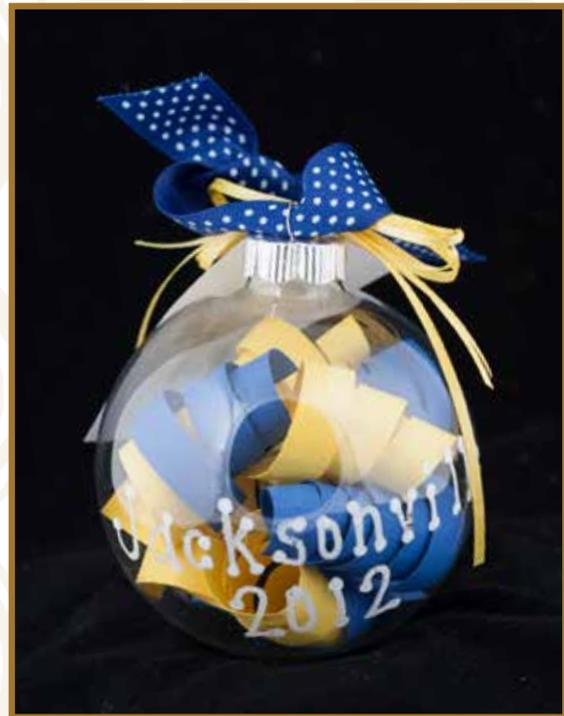
This ornament depicts the historic courthouses in Ellis and Hill Counties, the two counties that comprise District 10. The ornament also is decorated with a cotton boll and a crepe myrtle bloom, both of which are commonly found in the area.

Artist: Emily Oliver



REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK HOPSON

District 11



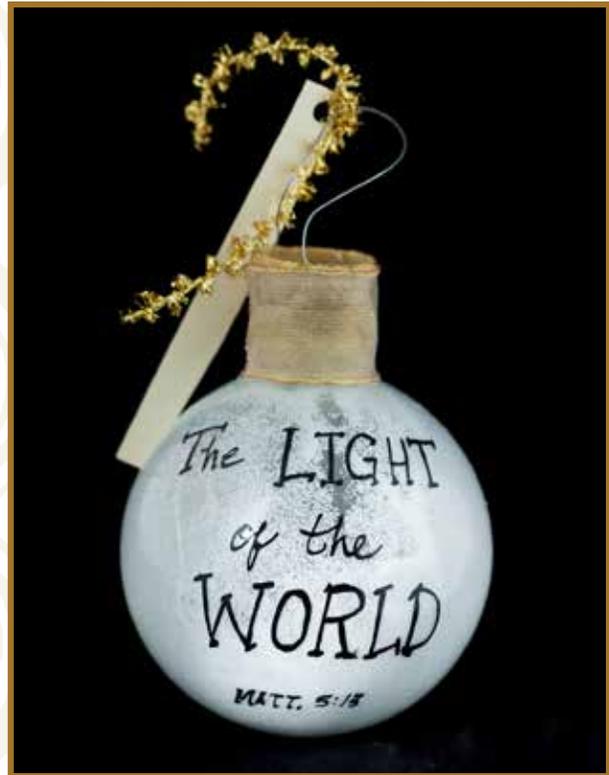
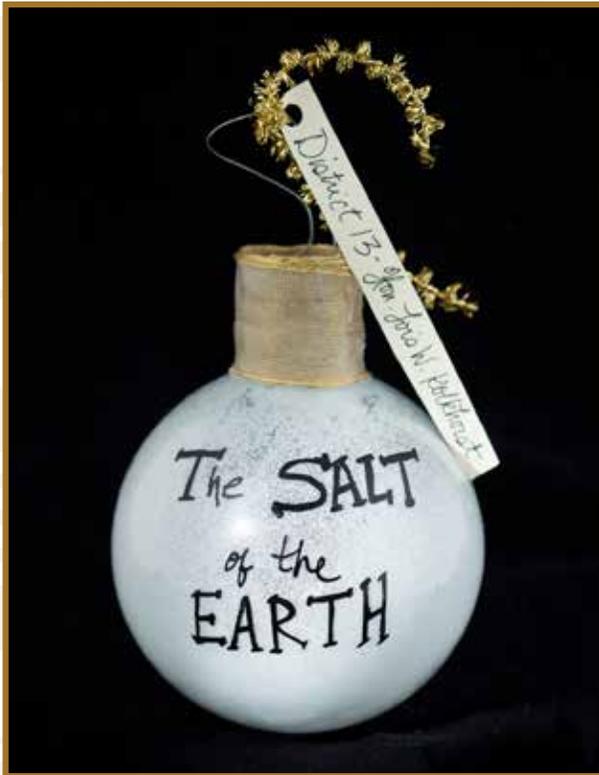
The District 11 ornament honors Joe Wright Elementary School in Jacksonville, Texas. 2012 was a hallmark year for the school as it relocated to a new campus. The blue polka-dotted ribbon indicates the unity of purpose of the school's staff. The narrow gold ribbon, cut in varying lengths, signifies the uniqueness of each child. Within the ornament, intertwining strips of blue and gold – the school colors – depict the confidence, positive worth and outstanding achievement of each child. The future of the school, its staff and students continues to be merry and bright.

*Artist: Brad Stewart (student)
Joe Wright Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE LOIS KOLKHORST

District 13



The counties that make up District 13 – Austin, Grimes, Walker and Washington – represent the cradle of liberty for Texas' independence in the 1830s. This ornament is meant to capture the character and the guiding principles of the district's people: from its earliest settlers, who fought for freedom, to those who came seeking new lives because of that liberty. All relied deeply on faith and hard work.

Artist: Heather Mason Fuller



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RANEY

District 14



This ornament, entitled “The Drummer Boy,” depicts a young drummer in the Brazos Valley of District 14. As he plays his drum in celebration of Christmas, he dreams of one day marching in the “Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band” at Texas A&M University.

Artist: John Grant



REPRESENTATIVE ROB EISSLER

District 15



*D*istrict 15 is home to people representing many cultures from around the world, ranging from Australia to Spain and India, to mention a few.

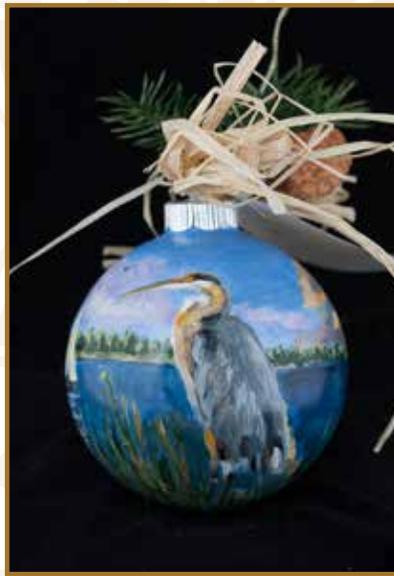
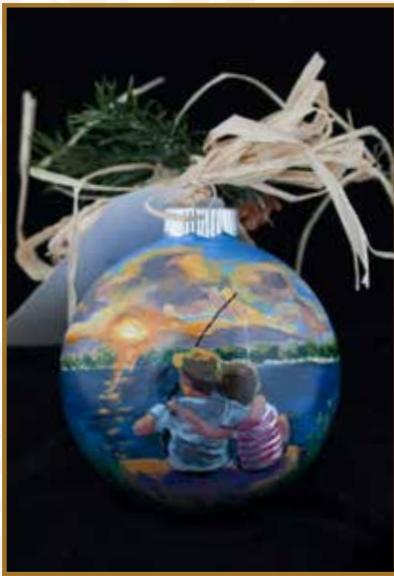
This ornament honors each through designs commonly found in their traditional works of art.

*Artist: Anani Linnea
Woodlands Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON CREIGHTON

District 16



The theme for District 16's ornament is Lake Conroe, home to abundant birds and wildlife. The front of the ornament features a blue heron standing on the shore of the lake. From sunup to sundown, Lake Conroe is a 21,000 acre playground of water skiing, boating and fishing. The pine tree-covered shores invite family picnics, golfing and camping. The lake's stunning sunsets are reflected on the reverse side of the ornament with a little boy and girl fishing along the bank under the setting sun.

Artist: Nancy Parsons



REPRESENTATIVE TIM KLEINSCHIMDT

District 17



The District 17 ornament honors the strength and valiant spirit exhibited by the people of the Bastrop area after the traumatic wildfires of September 2011.

Painted on the ornament are Loblolly Pines and a sky inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night," along with bear footprints and eagles to represent the students of Bastrop ISD; contained within are pine needles collected after the fires.

*Artists: Mayra Robles, Krystien Love,
Hannah Riesinger and Kylie Bartsch (4th Grade Students)
Laura Ellison (teacher)
Mina Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OTTO

District 18



Located in District 18, the city of Huntsville is home to a 67-foot tall statue honoring General Sam Houston, one of Texas' great heroes. This ornament honors him, as well as Sam Houston State University, which is also located in the district.

The university was founded in 1879 as Sam Houston Normal Institute; the school was later known as Sam Houston State Teachers College, and then in 1965 the name was changed to Sam Houston State University, as it is known today.

Artist: Kelsey M. Wells



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES SCHWERTNER
District 20



The ornament for District 20 is a celebration of all of Texas. This state is a world all its own...the center of its own universe, where "the stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas."

Artist: B.F. (Bill) Snelson
Visual Arts Club



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY TAYLOR
District 24



The ornament celebrates the Christmas Boat Lane Parade, which has been a holiday tradition in District 24 for 50 years.

*Artist: Jackie Liddell
Alvin Junior College*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



The Texas state flag provides the backdrop to this ornament that celebrates the cities and counties of District 25. The establishment of Brazoria County in 1836 is depicted, as well as the names of all the district's cities and their years of incorporation. Lastly, Representative Dennis Bonnen is honored, including the year he was first elected to the Texas House, 1996.

*Artist: Betty Klasel
Brazosport Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE HOWARD

District 26



The ornament for District 26 features a painting of the Sugar Land Town Square, where many local events are held and where the city's Christmas tree is lit every year. The statue of Stephen F. Austin emerging from the Brazos River is also depicted, a symbol of the struggles of colonization and settlement in the area.

*Artist: Saniya Walawalkar
Clements High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ZERWAS

District 28



This ornament represents the purity and beauty of District 28. The tranquil colors exemplify the calmness and beauty of the district, while the golden sparkle symbolizes its purity.

Artist: Brady Stafford



REPRESENTATIVE RANDY WEBER

District 29



This ornament highlights the sport fishing industry that is important to District 29, especially the Matagorda Bay area.

Artist: Janice A. Broussard



REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE MORRISON

District 30



The ornament for District 30 recognizes the cities within the district through a traditional Christmas scene.

Artist: Neldene Matuseuich



REPRESENTATIVE RYAN GUILLEN

District 31



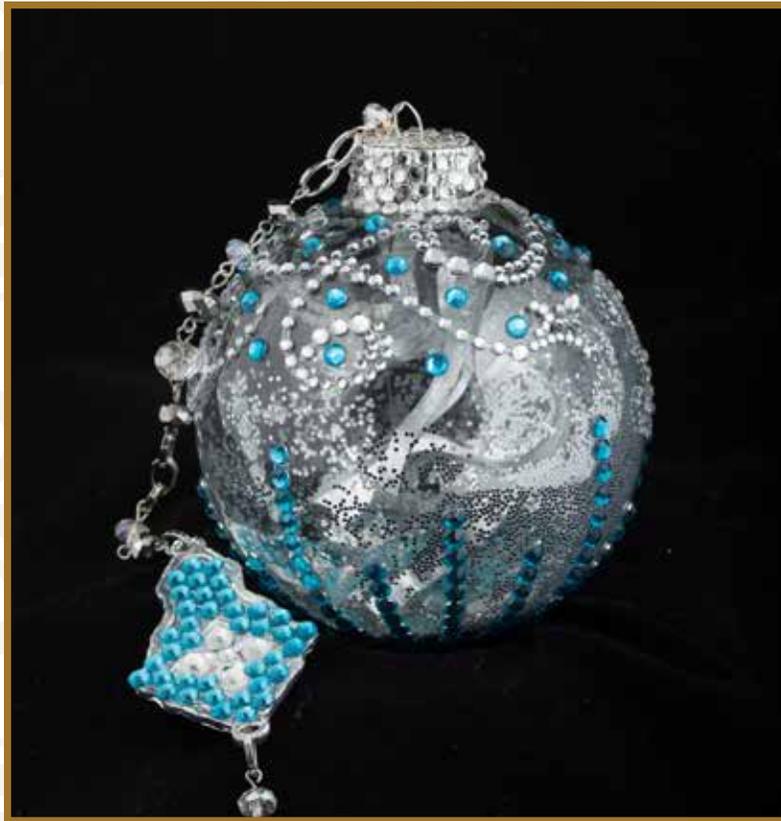
This year's ornament design, inspired by the Boys and Girls Club – Rio Grande City Unit, introduces the new, growing District 31 and reflects a vision for building on the economic progress that is taking place across South Texas. The Lego theme of the ornament represents the “building blocks” for economic growth in the region and signifies the expanding opportunities for youth across the area. The new District 31 consists of Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr and Willacy counties.

Artist: Alejandra Garcia



REPRESENTATIVE TODD HUNTER

District 32



*D*istrict 32 is located on the Gulf Coast and includes the city of Corpus Christi in its boundaries.

The colors and jewel elements of this ornament represent the water and the outdoors, the bay and the ocean, the beauty and the sparkle... all of which are an everyday part of life in the city that is known as “The Sparkling City by the Sea.”

Artist: Maricela Sanchez



REPRESENTATIVE RAUL TORRES

District 33



The District 33 ornament features holly leaves to express the cheer of the Christmas season.

Artist: Lucia Garcia



REPRESENTATIVE JOSE ALISEDA

District 35



Decoupage on this ornament is a photo of an original oil painting of yellow prickly pear cactus, just one of the many beautiful scenes found along the rural landscapes of District 35.

Artist: Linda Newman



REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO MUÑOZ, JR.

District 36



The artwork for this ornament represents the area encompassed by District 36: the cities of Hidalgo, Granjeno, Mission, Palmview, Penitas and McAllen. The red, white, blue and green ribbons crowning the ornament represent the duality of the area's culture, identity and traditions, as well as the neighborly accord between the United States and Mexico. Different motifs symbolize the variety of historical, natural and educational activities offered throughout the district, such as the Texas Citrus Fiesta, the Texas Butterfly Festival, Beasten State Park, La Lomita Chapel, Hidalgo's Festival of Lights, Hidalgo's Border Fest and legendary natives of the area Tom Landry and Ramon Ayala. An original poem written by the artist is nestled within the ribbons to convey the sentiment of the district's people.

Artist: Cecilia Marie Valdez



REPRESENTATIVE ARMANDO MARTINEZ

District 39



Formerly known as the Cortez Hotel, the Villa de Cortez opened in 1928 and was one of the Rio Grande Valley's finest hotels. Since its opening, it has been an integral part of social and business activities in both Weslaco and throughout District 39.

Artist: Gabriel Salazar



REPRESENTATIVE J.M. LOZANO

District 43



This ornament depicts the diverse characteristics of District 43. The artists have captured the hard working farmers' cotton fields, abundant cacti in the brush country and cattle grazing. Also featured are Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Naval Air Station Kingsville, two important institutions offering higher education and military experience to the district's residents.

*Artists: Blessing Tamez, Bethany Vasquez, Taylor Garcia, Kade Womack,
Cameron Merriman and Debra C. Hinojosa (Teacher)
Santa Gertrudis School*



REPRESENTATIVE JASON ISAAC

District 45



Depicted on District 45's ornament, "The Rivers Run Through It," are the large cypress trees that shade Cypress Creek at Blue Hole Regional Park and Preserve. They, along with the many rivers and creeks that shape the communities around them, are considered true Texas treasures. In Texas' early years, the Pedernales River, Blanco River and San Marcos River, as well as the region's many creeks, were used to form the industry of each town. Today, many still supply water to their communities or simply serve as a beautiful place to cool off on a hot day.

Artist: Madison Barbee (age 9)
Arts from the Heart



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY GONZALES

District 52



The ornament for District 52 depicts a herd of cattle traveling the historic Chisholm Trail, which was an important means of transporting cattle from grazing lands in Texas to markets in the Midwest in the 19th century.

Artist: Kyle W. McBride



REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE DON AYCOCK

District 54



*D*istrict 54's ornament features the beautiful landscape of Central Texas College and, in celebration of the holiday season, a portrait of Representative Jimmie Don Aycock as Santa Claus.

*Artist: Andrea Hostetter
Central Texas College*



REPRESENTATIVE RALPH SHEFFIELD

District 55



Without the hard work of our soldiers, we would not enjoy our freedom. This ornament is painted in camouflage to represent Fort Hood soldiers. Fort Hood is the largest military base in the United States and is partially located in District 55.

*Artist: Benjamin Jensen
Youngest son of Representative Ralph Sheffield*



REPRESENTATIVE MARVA BECK

District 57



This red leather globe with brown leather fringe, conchos and pearls represents the western elegance seen by the artist in both Representative Marva Beck and District 57.

Artist: Candy Shores



REPRESENTATIVE ROB ORR

District 58



A simple and special tribute to all of Texas and District 58,
O Holy Night, the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Artist: Terri Taylor



REPRESENTATIVE SID MILLER
District 59



This ornament, entitled “Circle of Life,” honors Representative Sid Miller and his work to pass House Bill 15 during the 82nd Legislature.

Artist: Kay Marcum



REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER
District 60



The ornament for District 60 is caged in gold wire from which festive wire corkscrews are suspended. The decorations represent the spirit of joy occasioned by the Advent of Christmas. The Christmas message might be understood as our Creator saying to imperfect humanity,
“Don’t worry kids, I’ll fix it!”

***Artist: Katherine Gordon Rice
Eastland County Arts Incubator***



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



This ornament represents life in Grayson County, located in District 62. For the holiday season, representations of the Star of Bethlehem, mistletoe, and the 2012 Lone Star Celebration Christmas tree, upon which this ornament now hangs, are included; this year's tree, located in the House Chamber, came from Denison, which is in Grayson County. The lines on the ornament represent the highways that crisscross the county. The blue invokes the waters of the lakes and rivers, while the green symbolizes the scales of the fish that live in them. Also included are leaves of the district's pecan trees and wildflowers. Lightning represents both the area's turbulent weather and the new power plant. Sports, education, electronics, music and the arts are all featured as important parts of life in Grayson County. And, of course, the cowboy boot represents the region's Western heritage.

***Artist: Gwenn Moore
Sherman Art League***



REPRESENTATIVE MYRA CROWNOVER

District 64

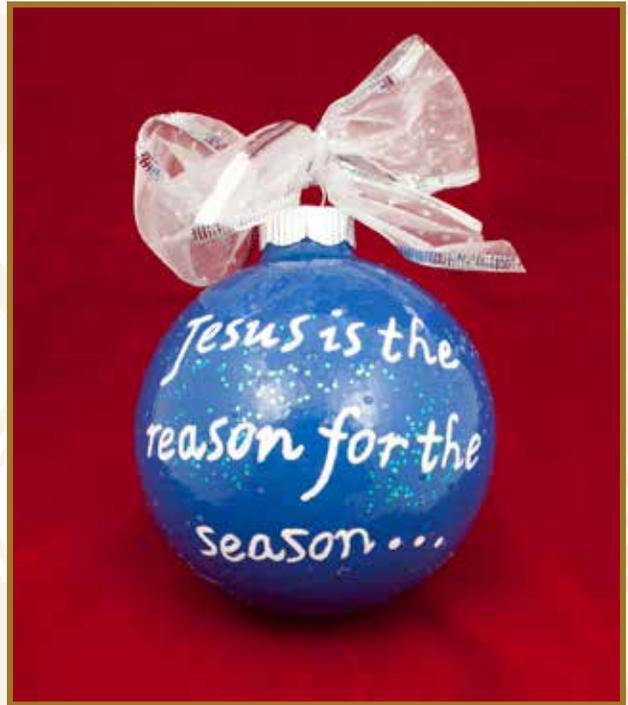


Artist: Emma Sawko



REPRESENTATIVE VAN TAYLOR

District 66



The District 66 ornament celebrates the holiday season with a depiction of Santa kneeling to praise baby Jesus. “Jesus is the reason for the season!”

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



REPRESENTATIVE JERRY MADDEN

District 67



The students at Great Lakes Academy believe that every Texan's individuality should be celebrated. Inside the ornament for District 67, each paper strip is a mini-composition of Texas pride with characteristics of each student-artist written on one side, and the school district and state written on the opposite side. The exterior painting represents the artists' hopes for a white Christmas!

Artists: Great Lakes Academy Middle School Students



REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN KING

District 71



This is the fourth in the District 71 ornament series entitled “The Jewels of District 71... the People.” Over 1000 individual Swarovski crystals are attached symbolizing the individual and collective spirit of West Texans. The three sections bordered by red, white and blue cowhide cording reveal bands of blue, green and clear crystals reminding Texans of the delicate and rugged balance between our lands and water. The tiny strands of red stones underscore the life blood of our physical existence - water. We are reminded daily of these precious jewels.

Red arrow points direct our focus to God’s gifts of nature, as well as the precious gift of our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate His birth.

Artist: Representative Susan Lewis King



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



*S*an Angelo, located in District 72, is known as sheep raising country. The white sheep painted on this ornament is set off with a gold leaf antiqued background. It represents one of the prominent symbols of the district and showcases its heritage as a hardworking farming and ranching community.

Artist: René Alvarado



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG MILLER

District 73



This ornament depicts scenes from New Braunfels, Boerne and Fredericksburg, all of which are located in District 73. The cheer of the season is illustrated by sparkles, diamonds in the sky and Santa Claus' flyover on Christmas Eve.

Artist: Jane Felts Mauldin



REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI GONZALEZ

District 76



This ornament's artwork signifies both the unity and the diversity of District 76 by including many area landmarks in its design: the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo "Tigua" Reservation, the El Paso County Coliseum, Ysleta Mission, Lincoln Park, Washington Park, Airport Boulevard, Ascarate Park, Thomas Manor Elementary School, Valley Farm, Interstate 10 and finally, Fort Bliss, home to El Paso's finest military men and women. Working together, these diverse groups solidify the district.

*Artist: Pedro Rios Martinez
Alameda Historic Corridor Project*



REPRESENTATIVE MARISA MARQUEZ
District 77



El Paso High School, located in District 77, has a very rich history and a diverse population of students. The school was built in 1916 at the location known as Our Lady on the Hill. The campus' unique Greco Roman architecture, inspired by the Portico of Octavia in Rome, is listed on the National Historic Register. Now, nearly 97 years later, El Paso High continues its impressive legacy.

*Artist: Ana Iguaran
El Paso High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE DEE MARGO

District 78



This ornament represents the beautiful landscape that the poppy flowers bring every spring to District 78 in El Paso among the Franklin Mountains. The artist presents it as “a piece of El Paso for you to take within your heart.”

Artist: Gisel Estrada



REPRESENTATIVE TRYON LEWIS

District 81



This ornament represents the entire Andrews High School community, which is located in District 81. The Andrews ISD logo featuring the capital 'A' and the Mustang mascot can be found throughout the school district, on school buildings, stationery, t-shirts, uniforms, company names and, most importantly, in residents' hearts. The black at the bottom of the ornament represents oil, or "black gold," which supports the town and the entire region.

Artist: Deborah Wheeler



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES PERRY

District 83



*I*n the style of a snow globe, the front of the ornament for District 83 depicts a winter scene featuring Texas Tech University's annual Carol of Lights, including the university seal and holiday decorations that make the campus sparkle.

The back features a spring scene showcasing Memorial Circle, which students pass on the way to class, the Will Rogers Memorial, and the national, state and university flags.

Artist: Mackenzie Brown



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN FRULLO

District 84



This ornament reflects West Texas and the artistic community of Lubbock, most of which is located in District 84. The sunset shows the natural beauty of the area, the windmill brings life to the flat and dry land and the barn symbolizes our southern heritage.

Artists: DJ McCallister, Catherine Latour, Kylie Hutcherson, Max Small, Ben Tipton, Hayes McKibben, Brody Sargent



REPRESENTATIVE FOUR PRICE

District 87



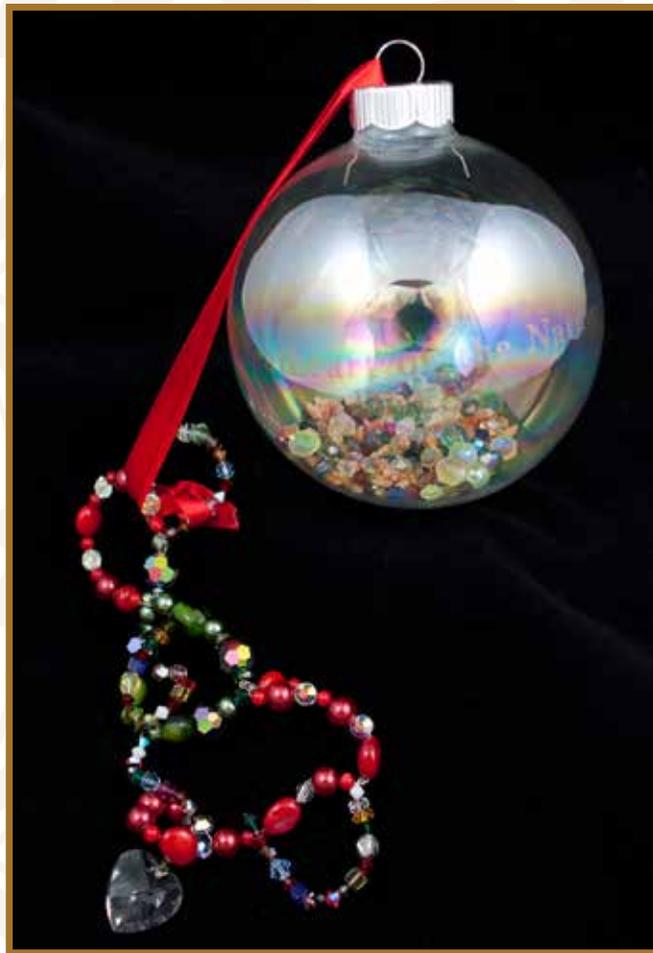
This ornament represents the Panhandle's ranching heritage with its depiction of a longhorn and displays of various cattle brands found throughout District 87. The tag hanging from the ornament is made of cowhide in the shape of a tail.

Artist: Kenneth "Ken" Wampler



REPRESENTATIVE WARREN CHISUM

District 88



The jewels inside this ornament represent the myriad of “hidden jewels” found in District 88: oil, gas, water, wind, crop production, livestock, exquisite horizons, open skies, and most of all, its people. Wheat seeds are also included, and etched on the outside in 24 carat gold is “Wheatheart of the Nations,” to honor the area’s biggest “hidden jewel”— wheat production.

Artists: Katy Williams and Sheryl Hardy



REPRESENTATIVE JODIE LAUBENBERG

District 89



*T*his ornament's artwork represents the city of Lucas, which is located in District 89 and is home to beautiful horses, scenic views and the ornament artists' school.

*Artists: Melissa Brouwer and Kenzi Westergard
Lucas Christian Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE LON BURNAM

District 90



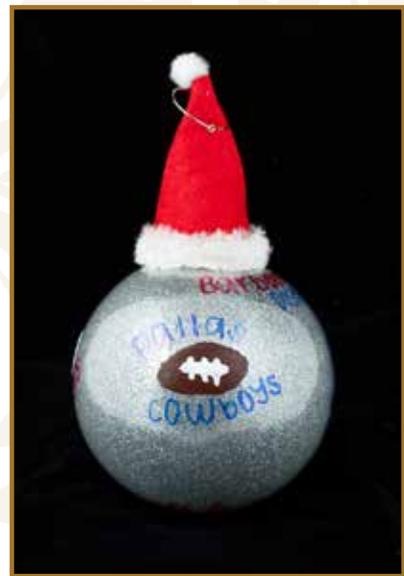
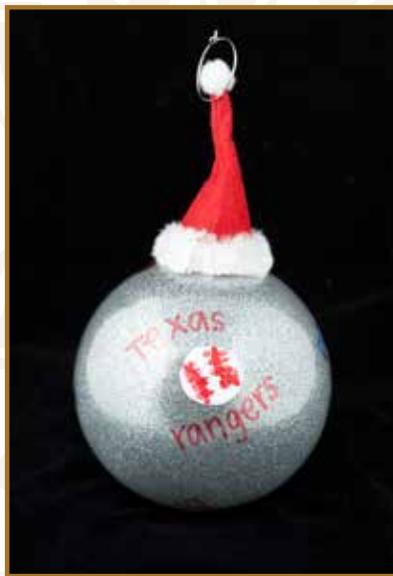
The song “Deep in the Heart of Texas” leads the artist of District 90’s ornament to think about Texas land. Deep in the lives, livelihoods and hearts of Texans, land is key. It is where Texans make their homes, and should be protected from anything that would compromise, corrupt and forever ruin it.

Artist: Tammy M. Gomez



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA NASH

District 93



This ornament's artwork describes favorite District 93 pastimes as seen through the eyes of the artist, a freshman at Arlington's Lamar High School. The entertainment district that is home to the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys brings fun and a great sense of team spirit to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The University of Texas at Arlington is experiencing tremendous economic growth, which has contributed to the revitalization of downtown Arlington and provided an overall economic impact throughout the state of Texas.

*Artist: Shelby Walker
Lamar High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DIANE PATRICK

District 94



*R*epresentative Diane Patrick hosts an art exhibition at the Capitol every year. The pictures on the ornament for District 94 are replicas of the 2012 artwork created by the Arlington Independent School District's art students from 53 elementary schools; the ornament honors Rep. Patrick's dedication to the arts in Arlington.

*Artist: Kathy Church
Key Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE GEREN

District 99



The Eagle Mountain Lake-inspired landscape depicted on the District 99 ornament honors the late Jack Bryant, Sr., an Azle-based western artist. His work in painting, sculpture and other creative mediums is known regionally, statewide and nationally. He passed away on July 14, 2012.

*Artist: Sandra Shanor
Azle High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE CINDY BURKETT

District 101



*D*istrict 101 is filled with natural springs, championship rodeo and high school football. This ornament symbolizes the world as seen from afar, with the cities of Balch Springs, Mesquite and Sunnyvale representing microcosms of our vast world. The district's residents are proud of their individual identities, supportive of their communities and love the great state of Texas.

Artist: Barbara Dybala



REPRESENTATIVE RAFAEL ANCHIA

District 103



The District 103 ornament depicts the unique beauty of the Dallas skyline as inspired by the young artist's vision of the city he calls home.

*Artist: Angel Salazar (5th Grade Student)
Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D. Elementary School*



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO ALONZO
District 104



*Artists: Ms. Amber Wolking's 8th Grade Art Class
L. V. Stockard Middle School*



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA HARPER-BROWN

District 105



This ornament features iconic and unique aspects of Irving that inspire pride in District 105. With its innovative design, the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas represents the pioneering spirit of the events held within its walls. “The Mustangs of Las Colinas” is a bronze sculpture that represents the drive and unfettered lifestyle that dominated Texas in pioneer days. The landmark Braniff Memorial Tower on the University of Dallas-Irving campus was built as a tribute to generous school benefactors, and as such, symbolizes the importance of community. Finally, the DART rail car represents the long-awaited expansion of the Orange Line into Irving which occurred in 2012 and improves access to this wonderful city.

*Artist: Sydney Farris
Irving High School*



REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY ANDERSON

District 106



*D*istrict 106's ornament, "A Kaleidoscope of Culture," celebrates the vibrant and lively communities that make up the district. Located in North Texas, the area contains a wealth of diversity and a blending of cultures, featuring many venues, events and organizations in a dynamic community that is supportive of the arts. These include Lone Star Park, the Grand Prairie Arts Council, Uptown Theater, Grand Prairie Unity Coalition, Verizon Theatre and Grand Prairie ISD, which supports the arts by providing visual arts and music education from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

***Artists: Kevin Pennebaker and Monica Raymond
Colin Powell Elementary School***



REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH SHEETS

District 107



This ornament displays the four seasons of District 107. Representing the spring is the pedestrian bridge over White Rock Lake where a variety of activities are available, including sailing, canoeing, fishing, jogging and biking. The summer scene features the Dallas Arboretum, one of the most beautiful outdoor attractions in Dallas containing 65 acres of gardens, views of White Rock Lake and even a peek of the downtown Dallas skyline. Golfing in autumn gives residents a front row view of the breathtaking regional canvas full of vivid colors as the seasons change. The winter scene showcases the Lakewood area, which offers an eclectic variety of beautiful homes, both historic and modern.

Artist: Jasmine Bartoo



REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRANCH

District 108



*D*istrict 108's ornament was inspired by the beauty of decorated Christmas trees with gifts placed underneath. The Christmas season is made special through sharing and giving.

Artist: Sarah Crow (age 10)



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



The graduation hat and diploma adorning this ornament represent the importance of education. The globe signifies not only how essential education is to District 109, but to the whole world. Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Artist: Destany Davis



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA MALLORY CARAWAY

District 110



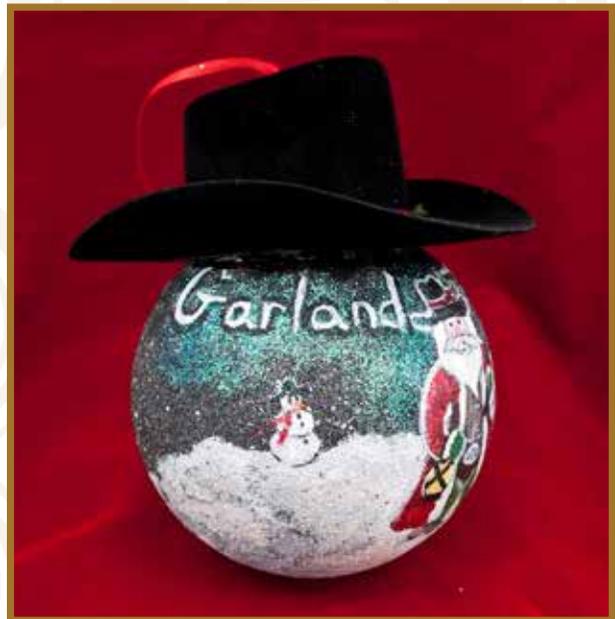
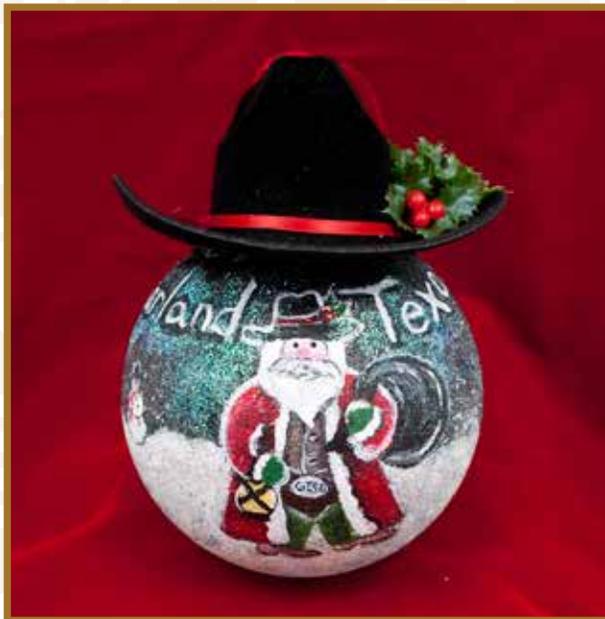
The District 110 ornament contains several representations of the people and landmarks that make this community unique: Cedar Crest Country Club, which hosted the first Dallas Open Golf Tournament; Dan Seals (“England Dan”) and John Ford Coley, two famous singers from Pleasant Grove; NBA stars Maceo Boston, C.J. Miles and Larry Johnson and finally, Michael Johnson, the U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist who set records in men’s sprinting.

Artist: Robin “Robbie” Messerschmitt



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



With a black cowboy hat on top and a Cowboy Santa on the front, this ornament showcases the unique and clear Texas Cowboy tradition of District 112. The city of Garland and Garland Independent School District are also represented on the ornament.

*Artist: Lynn Wilkinson
Garland Independent School District*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM JACKSON

District 115



This ornament includes the names of all of the cities located in District 115 and shares both the joy of the holiday season and the gratitude of Representative Jim Jackson, who will be retiring after 17 years in the Texas House. As stated by Rep. Jackson, "It was a joy to serve District 115."

Artist: Beverly Wagner



REPRESENTATIVE TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER
District 116



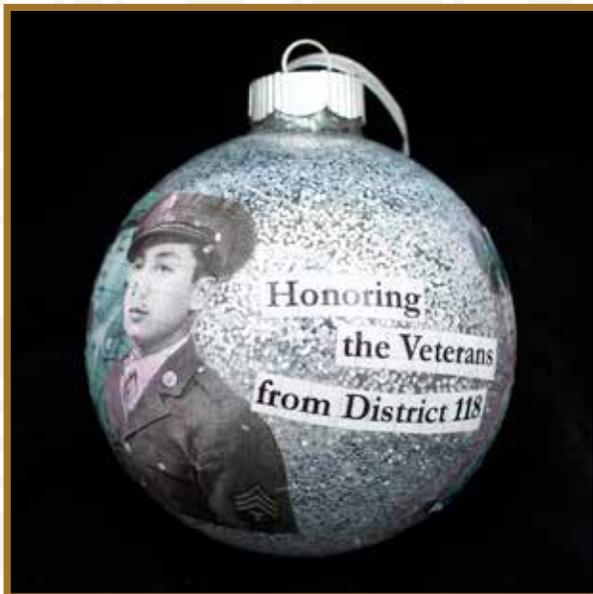
Painted on the ornament for District 116 is the “Mighty Mustang,” the mascot for Thomas Jefferson High School, which is located in the heart of the district.

Artist: Monique Luna



REPRESENTATIVE JOE FARIAS

District 118



Time after time, our servicemen and women have stood shoulder to shoulder in their duties for our country. Using the image of U.S. Army Veteran Louis Jimenez, the District 118 ornament conveys a sense of unity and respect. Many service members are unknown to civilians but their uniforms are recognized around the world. This ornament represents the gratitude and appreciation of the district's residents for all veterans and service members.

Artist: Ryan C. Cano



REPRESENTATIVE RUTH JONES MCCLENDON

District 120



The ornament for District 120 features hand-painted green and orange poinsettias and the initials for Sam Houston High School. The flowers are rendered in the school's colors and represent the Christmas season.

*Artist: Jayda Rattcliff
Sam Houston High School Art Club*



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



The District 121 ornament provides a glimpse into the Witte Museum, the oldest museum in San Antonio. The world of the Witte includes Cinnamon Kandy, the elephant from the Hertzberg Circus Collection who “greet” every museum visitor; Molly and Minnie, prairie dogs from the “Texas Wild” exhibit; a Vaquero from the South Texas Heritage Center; Herb the Triceratops and fish from “The River Alive” exhibit.

Artist: Randall Webster



REPRESENTATIVE LYLE LARSON

District 122



This ornament celebrates the San Antonio Spurs, four-time NBA World Champions and a valued part of District 122 and the entire San Antonio community.

Artist: Kylie Callaway (age 11)



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HARLESS

District 126



In 1852, German settlers came to America for freedom and a new beginning. The ornament for District 126 honors this history; the importance of the past is reflected today in the names of schools, roads and buildings throughout the district.

Artist: Susan Garrison



REPRESENTATIVE DAN HUBERTY

District 127



A portion of District 127 is located in the Humble area, which was part of the great Texas oil boom of the early 20th century. This ornament pays tribute to that history with colorful depictions of oil derricks.

Artist: Sophie Isbell



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SMITH

District 128



*O*ne side of this ornament features the silhouettes of the District 128 area refineries at night; the lights inside represent the lights within each refinery and the holiday feel they project year-round. The other side of the ornament showcases the epic painting “Destiny,” which is displayed on the tanks near the refineries in Pasadena, Texas.

*Artist: Nancy Van Handel
San Jacinto College*



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN FLETCHER

District 130



This ornament honors the diversity of District 130, which includes the communities of Tomball, Cypress and Waller. The figurines placed inside represent the wonderful folks who make up this bustling region. God Bless the great state of Texas!

Artist: Sharon Slover



REPRESENTATIVE ALMA ALLEN

District 131



*D*istrict 131 is rich with the creativity and imaginations of children from diverse backgrounds. This ornament, entitled “Heaven’s Angels,” celebrates these children and the bright future that is sure to follow when they are empowered to be their best selves through the arts, sciences and technology. Representative Alma Allen continues to advocate for and support the children of her district.

Artist: Maya Imani Watson



REPRESENTATIVE BILL CALLEGARI

District 132



The artwork for District 132's ornament represents the education and cultural enrichment the arts provide to the children of Harris County and the city of Katy. The arts serve the local community and lead youth toward a bright and creative future.

*Artist: Elizabeth Linder
Katy ARTreach*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

District 133



This ship in a bottle-style ornament depicts Buffalo Bayou, which winds its way across District 133 and is a place of beauty and recreation for its residents.

***Artist: Jenny Hagedorn
Girl Scouts of America***



REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA LEGLER

District 144



This ornament honors the late Representative Ken Legler, who proudly served District 144 from 2009 until his passing in 2012. The white dove signifies peace while the yellow roses and the state flag inside the ornament represent two things that were dear to his heart.

***Artist: Nancy Van Handel
San Jacinto College***



REPRESENTATIVE HUBERT VO

District 149



This ornament displays the Texan pride of District 149 through an image of the State Capitol and the Texas flag in the shape of our state.

“Merry Christmas” is written in various languages to showcase the diversity of the district and the Lone Star State.

*Artist: Christine Vo
Daughter of Representative Hubert Vo*