



‘TIS THE SEASON
2015



House Chamber Christmas Tree

2015

Celebrate the season and view the creativity of Texans from across the state. The House Chamber Christmas Tree is currently on display and features visual representations of what makes each House district special.

Members of the Texas House of Representatives were invited to create a visual representation of what makes their district special for the 2015 House Chamber Christmas Tree. The ornaments now hang proudly on this native Texas tree celebrating the many facets of our nation's second largest state, home to over 26 million people.

The photo albums displayed here provide the opportunity for a closer look at these handcrafted treasures. Ornaments received are featured in the album numerically by district number. To look for your hometown's ornament, please reference the House district maps.

The Texas House of Representatives is proud to display trees that were provided by the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association in conjunction with the organization's president, Kenneth Radde, including this 26-foot Virginia Pine, compliments of Elves Farm in Denison. Additional trees, three 7-foot Virginia Pines and two 10-foot Fraser Firs, compliments of Evergreen Farms in Elgin, are located throughout the Capitol Building.





REPRESENTATIVE GARY VANDEAVER

District 1



This ornament is adorned with four illustrations, each representing a county from District 1. The diversity of the district is displayed with the Eiffel Tower (Paris, Lamar County), the Gateway to Texas (Clarksville, Red River County), the Don Meredith Exhibition at the Fire Station Museum (Mt. Vernon, Franklin County), and the Red River Army Depot (Texarkana, Bowie County).

*Artist: Katie Williams
Rivercrest High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DAN FLYNN

District 2



The artist for this ornament chose a Nativity scene to represent the strong Christian faith of the citizens of District 2. The North Star, the barn where Jesus was born, the hand of God, and a brightly decorated Christmas tree complete the scene.

*Artists: Sylvia Feijen & Kayla Wooten, Students
Saltillo ISD Art Class*



REPRESENTATIVE CECIL BELL, JR.

District 3



*T*itled "Unity," this ornament features a male and female cardinal nestled around a magnolia flower to symbolize the importance of faith, hope and love within the community of Magnolia, Texas.

Artist: Joseph F. Davenport



REPRESENTATIVE STUART SPITZER

District 4



This ornament's artist, Rachel, faced a life-threatening illness after her Uncle Stuart was sworn into the Texas House of Representatives. Rachel was motivated by Texas hospitality, which is displayed on the ornament with the phrase "Ho Ho Ho Y'all." Her love for crafts and the pride she felt creating this ornament for District 4 and for her uncle is evident.

Artist: Rachel Risko



REPRESENTATIVE MATT SCHAEFER

District 6



Grace Community School students chose a rose theme as a symbol of their District's beauty. Nicknamed "The Rose Capital of America," Tyler's famed industry was the inspiration behind these young artists' creation.

*Artists: Quaid Patrick & Ella Denson, 5th Graders
Belle Thomas, Teacher
Grace Community School*



REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SIMPSON

District 7



*C*elebrating the thriving East Texas performing arts community, the District 7 ornament incorporates a variety of artistic elements including a grand piano, a pair of ballet shoes, a microphone, and theater masks. The silver circles symbolize spotlights, and the silver stars represent every performer's dream.

Important performance venues, companies and activities around the district include Theatre Longview, ArtsView Children's Theatre, the Longview Symphony, the S.E. Belcher Jr. Chapel and Performance Center at LeTourneau University, the Texas Shakespeare Festival, the Van Cliburn Auditorium at Kilgore College, and the Gladewater Opry. East Texans love to share their talent and they deeply appreciate a good show.

Artist: Jessica Growden



REPRESENTATIVE BYRON COOK

District 8



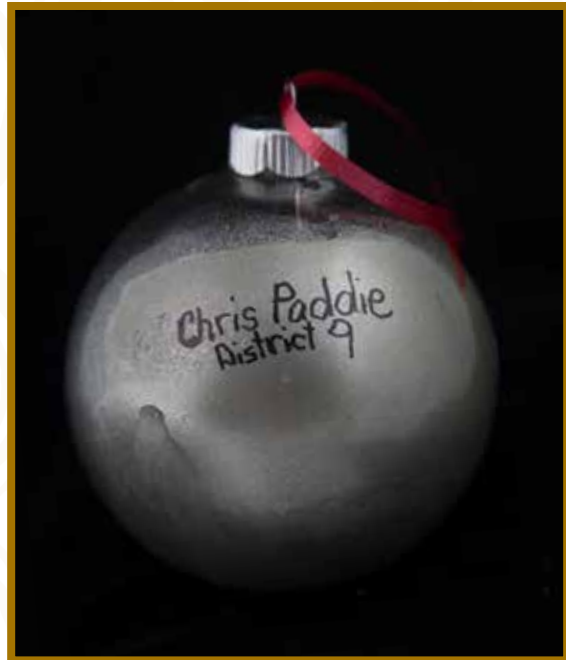
The ornament for District 8 incorporates many aspects of the community's heritage, culture, and beliefs. A train speaks to the district's shipping industry, while a cowboy and his guitar represent the town's rich musical history. An oil derrick honors the fact that District 8 was the home of the first major oil find in Texas, while tall grass, sunflowers, and a big Texas sky full of stars celebrate the area's natural beauty. A Longhorn shows the importance of ranching, a blue ribbon marks the torrential flooding that devastated the district this year, and a red and blue ribbon uses the colors of the state flag.

Artist: Jennifer Nutt



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS PADDIE

District 9



This ornament celebrates the history of District 9 and Marshall as the birthplace of “boogie woogie” style music, by featuring an abstract musician playing a “fantasy” piano on Marshall’s courthouse square.

Artist: Jenny Lankford



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WRAY

District 10



Art students at Waxahachie High School centered their ornament around the historic Ellis County Courthouse. The ornament shows the courthouse covered with snow—a dream-like Christmas for the children of District 10.

*Artists: Heather Stuckey & Mackenzie Welch, Students
(Sean Cagle, Teacher)
Waxahachie High School
Waxahachie ISD Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS CLARDY

District 11



The artist chose to depict the Piney Woods located in East Texas.

Artist: Luke Clardy



REPRESENTATIVE KYLE KACAL

District 12



The white-tailed deer, an important source of revenue during hunting season, is featured on this ornament to celebrate its importance to District 12.

*Artist: Charles Ellison, Robertson County Judge
Brazos Valley Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE LEIGHTON SCHUBERT

District 13



This ornament is appropriately named Bird's Eye View, as it shows the Texas mockingbird flying over beautiful District 13.

*Artist: Kathleen Beebe Durst
Arts for Rural Texas*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RANEY

District 14



*H*and-painted by Texas A&M Senior Communications Specialist Amy Jenkins, this ornament celebrates the inaugural season of the new Kyle Field – A&M’s iconic football stadium. Chancellor John Sharp selected his favorite photo from the grand opening celebration on September 11, 2015, and Amy recreated it for this one-of-a-kind ornament.

Happy Holidays to all from the Texas A&M University System.

*Artist: Amy Jenkins
Texas A&M University System*



REPRESENTATIVE MARK KEOUGH

District 15



The Great Egret and the Red-bellied Woodpecker are both native to District 12. Residents take great pride in the maintenance of a healthy ecosystem for these birds and other wildlife.

Artist: Vickie McMillan



REPRESENTATIVE WILL METCALF

District 16



*H*unting plays a large role in the culture of District 16, especially since hunting season falls during the winter holidays. Many hunters enjoy not only the hunting aspect, but also the anticipation and preparation leading up to opening day.

Artist: Margaret Adams Madeley



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CYRIER

District 17



This ornament shows the pine trees bordering both sides of the Colorado River and the Old Iron Bridge in beautiful Bastrop, Texas.

*Artist: Adriana Razo, 11th Grader
Cedar Creek High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN OTTO

District 18



This ornament honors the retirement of a longtime Member of the Texas House by depicting the six terms (79th-84th Legislative Sessions) that Representative John Otto served the people of District 18.

The artist marks the approximate area of this district with a star on a black silhouette of Texas.

*Artist: Brandee Gates Otto
Daughter-in-law of Representative John Otto*



REPRESENTATIVE MARSHA FARNEY

District 20



Located in the center of District 20, Georgetown is home to the state's first university, Southwestern University. Southwestern can be found on many "best of" lists including ranking within the top 100 by U.S. News & World Report and Forbes.

*Artists: Braden & Ava Bules
Grandchildren of Representative Marsha Farney*



REPRESENTATIVE DADE PHELAN

District 21



This ornament depicts a coastal landscape typical of Southeast Texas. The imagery represents District 21's long history in the oil industry.

*Artist: Savannah Shirley, Student
(Griseida Bryan, Teacher)
Port Neches-Groves High School*



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE FAIRCLOTH

District 23



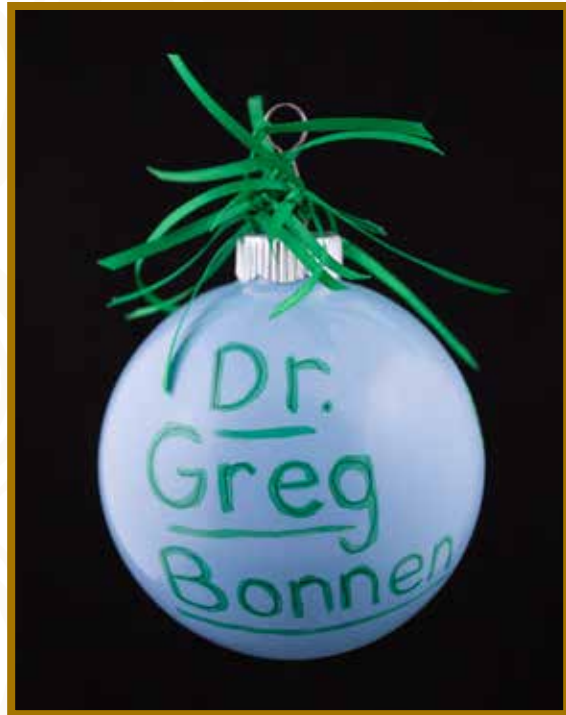
This ornament features an interactive, beach-themed scavenger hunt.

*Artists: Lindsay Griffin, Isabelle Sanchez & Nina Trevino
Odyssey Academy, Galveston*



REPRESENTATIVE GREG BONNEN

District 24



The lovely tree on this ornament was created with the fingerprints of second- and third-graders from C.W. Cline Elementary School. The tree signifies the strong family roots and the supportive community that are valued by the people of District 24.

Artists: Olivia Esbeck, Kamdyn Mahler, Ishan Pendyala, James Pine, Addison Rosenthal, 2nd Grade Students

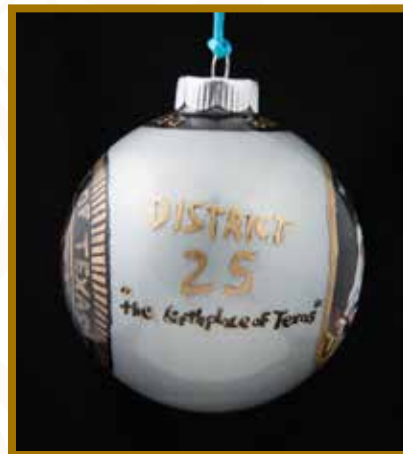
Justin Holcomb, Seth Kabiri, Beckett Kim, Elizabeth McHazlett, Abby Miller, Alexandra Ploeger, 3rd Grade Students

*Mrs. Barb Kessler, Teacher
C.W. Cline Elementary*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS BONNEN

District 25



Some of the most endearing characteristics of District 56 include its residents' love of God, Texas and America. On this ornament, these qualities are represented by a nativity scene, the state seal, and a blue ribbon. This pale blue is the color of Sweeny ISD, where the artist's children attend school.

*Artist: Cuauhtemoc Murphy
Brazosport Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE RICK MILLER

District 26



*D*esigned to highlight the past, present, and future of Sugar Land, this ornament shows the sugar mill that once represented the district, as well as the modern town center.

*Artists: Art 2 Students
Mrs. Paulette Reid-Gordon, Teacher
Logos Preparatory Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ZERWAS

District 28



The kaleidoscope style of this ornament represents the changing experiences and the diversity of District 28.

*Artist: Becca House
Casa Verde Creations & ARTreach*



REPRESENTATIVE ED THOMPSON

District 29



This ornament features a collection of characters representing the diversity within Alvin ISD.

*Artist: Andrea Albero
Manvel High School*



REPRESENTATIVE GEANIE MORRISON

District 30



Artist: Jillian Hrbacek



REPRESENTATIVE RYAN GUILLEN

District 31



This hand-painted ornament depicts the palm tree-lined highway leading to the subtropical world of Willacy County. The fisherman is symbolic of the world-class fishing at Port Mansfield.

*Artist: Cissie Watson
Willacy County Art League*



REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR LONGORIA

District 35



The Rio Grande Valley is a multicultural region where the merging of Mexican and American traditions is common. One such example is the popular and dynamic mariachi music. District 35 is home to two award-winning and state championship teams, Mariachi Los Coyotes from La Joya High School, and Mariachi Juvenil Azteca from Edcouch-Elsa High School. To honor these talented students, this year's ornament is decorated to look like a mariachi musician, in traditional Mexican charro suit, complete with a variety of instruments.

Artist: Alejandra Karina Gonzalez Ruiz



REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO MUÑOZ, JR.

District 36



Since 1921, the city of Mission, found in District 36, has been known as the “Home of the Ruby Red Grapefruit.” Mission also celebrates its agricultural roots with the annual Texas Citrus Fiesta Parade, first held in 1932.

Artist: Vanessa Veliz



REPRESENTATIVE RENÉ OLIVEIRA

District 37



This ornament is a representation of the school's mascot, "Ace" the owl. Each student's fingerprint was used for the feathers that make up Ace's wings.

*Artists: Jimmena Gonzalez, Amy Jo Martinez & Ms. Martinez's 4th grade class
Sharp Elementary School, Brownsville*



REPRESENTATIVE TERRY CANALES

District 40



The ornament for District 40 celebrates two significant local institutions: the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and The Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center. The artist's inclusion of citrus and cotton plants represent the importance of local agriculture to the region.

Artist: Ramiro Pena



REPRESENTATIVE R.D. "BOBBY" GUERRA
District 41



The ornament presents a printed image of the Museum of South Texas History and the museum's logo. Red, white, and blue stars adorn the top of the ornament, along with loose stars inside.

Artist: Berry Fritz



REPRESENTATIVE J.M. LOZANO

District 43



This ornament celebrates the mascot of Orange Grove High School, the Bulldog, and the local community. More depictions of the town's pride are included on the reverse.

*Artists: Alicia Resendez, Kimberly Garza, and Samantha Caudillo, Students
(Melissa Slaughter, Teacher)
Orange Grove High School Family and Consumer Science Class
Orange Grove ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JASON ISAAC

District 45



This ornament features images related to the cities and counties of District 45. Lavender for Blanco County; President LBJ's homestead for Johnson City; "Wedding Capital of Texas" for Dripping Springs; #WimberleyStrong for Wimberley; Texas State University for San Marcos; and last, but not least, the famous Weiner Dog Races for Buda and Kyle.

*Artist: Arturo Garcia, Jr.
Texas State University*



REPRESENTATIVE PAUL WORKMAN

District 47



This year, District 47 received an abundance of rain, which resulted in the lakes of the Colorado River filling rapidly and a plethora of wildflowers.

Artist: Judy Wisdom



REPRESENTATIVE DONNA HOWARD

District 48



This ornament depicts a Longhorn pulling Santa's sled in front of the Austin skyline, as seen from the western part of the city where District 48 is located.

*Artist: Haley Celusniak, Student
(Roselle Casey, Teacher)
Westlake High School*



REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT NAISHTAT

District 49



As everyone knows, Austin is the Live Music Capital of the world and thus the musical heart of Texas. This ornament's design is a visual representation of a musical composition inspired by the song titled "Rain" played by the Texas band Zro. The number 49, written in gold numerals, refers to Rep. Naishtat. A violet ribbon with delicate nuances of color appears to dive in and out of the orb in rhythmic intervals.

*Artist: Jeffrey Shawn Moore, Jr.
Austin Community College*



REPRESENTATIVE CELIA ISRAEL

District 50



The natural beauty of this urban district is symbolized by a variety of common birds found on trails and in backyards of Central Texas and the Austin area.

*Artists: Diane, Vincent, Emma, Hunter, Brooklyn,
Sofia, Rachel, Valeria & Allie, Students
Jennifer Fleischman, Teacher
Fannie Mae Caldwell Elementary School Art Club*



REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

District 51



This ornament pays tribute to Austin's annual "Trail of Lights" at Zilker Park. The artist was inspired by this holiday tradition and by the creativity that goes into it each year.

*Artist: Bethany Kornacki
Del Valle High School Art Program*



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY GONZALES

District 52



This ornament depicts the transformation of the Central Texas landscape from rural area to exciting, booming cityscape. District 52 sees itself as a visionary community that is leading Texas into a more global market economy.

*Artist: Michael Hammons
Art Center of Williamson County*



REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW MURR

District 53



Enjoy nature's many seasonal decorations by spending holidays on the ranch. The ornament's many depictions of farm-life include a ranch entrance, live oak tree, prickly pear cactus, Angora goat, Suffolk sheep, and a windmill.

Artists: Tammy T. Fisher, Madalyn Fisher & Delyse Jaeger



REPRESENTATIVE JIMMIE DON AYCOCK

District 54



The ornament has a wreath of bluebonnets around the top trim, with a ring of armadillos and longhorns underneath. Wrapped around the center is a repetition of a star and the outline of Texas. The state flag, a cowboy hat, boots, and rope complete the scene.

*Artist: Kylei Giles
Harker Heights High School
Killeen ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE MOLLY WHITE

District 55



The city of Belton proudly celebrates “Christmas on the Chisholm Trail” each year with festivities for the community to enjoy. 1870’s Belton was one of many resting stops along the storied pathway. This ornament shows a silhouette of a cowgirl following the longhorn at dusk along the trail.

*Artist: Leila Valchar
My Giving Tree Gift Shop & Gallery*



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES “DOC” ANDERSON

District 56



This ornament, entitled “Doris Miller Memorial,” features a black and white portrait of the Waco-born African-American World War II hero offset by a blue background.

*Artist: Brian Broadway
Creative Waco*



REPRESENTATIVE DEWAYNE BURNS

District 58



The artist, Representative Burns' daughter, created the District 58 ornament by swirling red and green paint on the inside.

Artist: Emma Burns



REPRESENTATIVE J.D. SHEFFIELD

District 59



This ornament celebrates the city of Brady, the geographical “Heart of Texas,” and its commerce, fine game hunting, beautiful ranches and love of community.

*Artists: Kamry Ledezma & Calista Calderon, Students
(Georgian Cordell, Teacher)
High School Art 1, Brady High School
Brady ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER

District 60



The 7-year-old granddaughter of Representative Jim Keffer created this ornament. She chose to focus on the true meaning of Christmas by painting baby Jesus in the manger.

Artist: Brooklyn Keffer, age 7



REPRESENTATIVE PHIL KING

District 61



*T*his ornament honors two beloved elements of District 61: the historic Parker County Courthouse and the annual Peach Festival. A blue snowflake adds a festive air.

Artist: Judith Pope



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY PHILLIPS

District 62



This ornament, decorated in a modern western style, features a hand-beaded leather and copper conch and hand-lettering that declares, "Merry Christmas, Y'all!"

*Artist: Christian Cravens
Creative Arts Center, Bonham*



REPRESENTATIVE TAN PARKER

District 63





REPRESENTATIVE MYRA CROWNOVER

District 64



The front of this ornament features a drawing of the Denton County Courthouse. Inside, there's "snow" and red tinsel.

*Artists: Beatrice and Mariah Crownover
Granddaughters of Representative Myra Crownover*



REPRESENTATIVE RON SIMMONS

District 65



This ornament has been turned into a “snow globe” which sits atop a “poinsettia,” made of ribbon. “Snow globe” lights up.

*Artist: Nadia Rodriguez , 12th Grader
(Marty Kruk, Teacher)
Flower Mound High School*



REPRESENTATIVE MATT SHAHEEN

District 66



*D*istrict 66 is home to a number of Fortune 1000 companies and large employers. This year's ornament highlights these economic generators for their role in job creation and growth in our community. The silver and sparkles represent God's many blessings and the festive time of year celebrating the birth of Christ.

Artist: Avery Boone, age 11



REPRESENTATIVE JEFF LEACH

District 67



This ornament was created by artists at My Possibilities, a non-profit organization that serves adults with disabilities (Autism, Down syndrome, Asperger's syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, head injuries, etc.). This organization is the first full-day, full-year continuing education program in Collin County for disabled Texans who have "aged out" of secondary education. The facility is located in a 23,000 square foot center in Plano, Texas.

*Artists: Team of Artists
My Possibilities, Plano*



REPRESENTATIVE DREW SPRINGER

District 68



This ornament reflects scenes and symbols of the rural communities that make up District 68. An iconic pickup, complete with a Texas flag on its tailgate, is hauling a future Christmas tree. The ornament also pays homage to the boot and leather manufacturing industries, the rapidly growing grape and winery industry, and the oil and gas industry.

Artist: Larry G. Lemons



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES FRANK
District 69



The mottled blue color inside the ornament, created by melted wax, represents the extensive rain District 69 received in 2015. The silver star on the bottom stands for the Lone Star of Texas.

Artist: Melissa Okeke



REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT SANFORD

District 70



*D*istrict 70's artist, Corinna Gadley, was inspired by the spirit of Christmas. She decorated the ornament with snow, pine cones, green holly, red berries, and a gold cross. While painting this ornament, she thought of Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

*Artist: Corinna Gadley
Painting with a Twist, McKinney*



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

District 72



The red ribbons on this ornament list the names of all the counties in District 72. The dove symbolizes peace, faith, and optimism, while the vibrant blue skies celebrate this district's resources: farming and ranching, education, the military, medical facilities, oil and gas, and the arts.

Artist: Susan Williams



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG MILLER

District 73



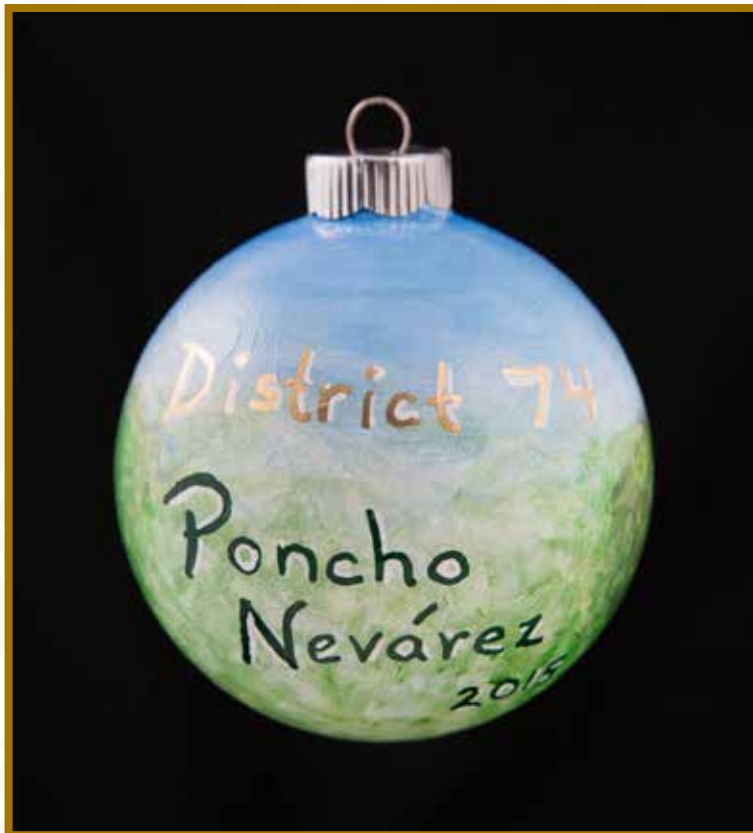
The ornament from District 73 features three historic limestone courthouses. Boerne in Kendall County is home to the second oldest courthouse in Texas, built in 1870. Now a public library, the Gillespie County courthouse in Fredericksburg was completed in 1882. Comal County's second courthouse, constructed in 1898, is located in New Braunfels.

Artist: Jane Felts Mauldin



REPRESENTATIVE PONCHO NEVÁREZ

District 74



This ornament displays the banks of the Rio Grande River, an integral element of District 74. The Rio Grande creates a natural border between Texas and the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas. The painting depicts a view of the river from the Nevarez home in Eagle Pass.

Artist: Gaby Valdés



REPRESENTATIVE MARY GONZÁLEZ

District 75



Still active places of worship and the state's oldest mission and presidio chapel, Socorro Mission and San Elizario Chapel are both part of the Mission Trail. In 1682, Socorro Mission was established to serve displaced Piro Indians who fled during the Pueblo Revolt.

Built in 1790, the San Elizario presidio chapel, served soldiers and their families, and protected travelers. The present chapel was rebuilt after a flood in 1829. The Mission Trail is part of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road of the Interior) a trade trail that extended from Mexico City to Santa Fe, NM.

Artist: Bert Saldana



REPRESENTATIVE CÉSAR BLANCO

District 76



Located within the heart of El Paso, District 76 is home to Bel Air High School, a vital part of the city. The artist used a baseball theme to show his passion for the sport as well as for the school.

*Artist: Brandon McKinney, Student
Bel Air High School*



REPRESENTATIVE MARISA MÁRQUEZ

District 77



*Artist: Nicole Sanchez, Student
La Fe Preparatory School*



REPRESENTATIVE TRACY O. KING

District 80



*R*epresenting the four communities known as the Quad City area: Aguilares, Bruni, Mirando City, and Oilton, also compose the boundaries of Webb Consolidated ISD (WCISD). The area is a haven for hunters and, in the past, oil and gas production. Presently, large landowners have put their land to use by leasing it to Wind Energy Farms. Partnering with the Wind Energy Farms, WCISD provides facilities and instructors to train students who wish to pursue careers in the wind farm industry.

Artist: Miriam Perez



REPRESENTATIVE BROOKS LANDGRAF

District 81



Hand-painted by a student in Odessa, this ornament was inspired by the spirit of Christmas as referenced by the traditional Christmas bells. What serene winter scene would be complete without the silhouette of Santa in his sleigh pulled by reindeer?

*Artist: Kajal Ahir
Permian High School
Ector County ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN BURROWS

District 83



Set in the evening amid the landscape of Lubbock County's Caprock Escarpment, this hand-painted ornament features a prairie dog about to munch on a candy cane.

Artist: James W. Johnson



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN FRULLO

District 84





REPRESENTATIVE PHIL STEPHENSON

District 85



The holiday ornament representing District 85 was created in memory of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who once resided in the district. The heroes depicted on the ornament are Army Master Sergeant Mike C. Pena, Naval Reserve Seaman First Class Johnnie David Hutchins, and Army Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez. Their sacrifices, leadership, and dedication to the United States are very much appreciated by the residents of District 85.

*Artist: Mary Koczanowski
Wharton Junior College*



REPRESENTATIVE FOUR PRICE

District 87



This ornament design signifies both the past and present of District 87. Vibrant colors pay homage to the celebrated artist Georgia O'Keefe, who painted the region's famous sunsets and natural beauty while she taught in Potter County before becoming a famous artist. Charms symbolize the past and the Native American history of the area, while a cross represents the faith that has helped the community weather hard times.

*Artist: Jo Lyn Brown, Art Teacher
Tascosa High School*



REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE KLICK

District 91



Emblazoned with the lyrics, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," this ornament symbolizes the artist's strong faith. Majestic angel wings, golden halo and trumpet adorn the ornament, giving glory to the newborn Christ and proclaiming peace on earth.

*Artist: Taylen Day
Bethesda Christian School*



REPRESENTATIVE JONATHAN STICKLAND

District 92



The strength and spirit of District 92 is best represented through the image of family. In keeping, this ornament features a stained glass depiction of the Holy Family as a reminder to treasure our families during the holidays.

Artists: Anne & Rachel Gebhart



REPRESENTATIVE MATT KRAUSE

District 93



The ornament for District 93 displays Santa delivering gifts to the lucky children of the district. A Texas longhorn adorned with Christmas lights and colored to match the state flag adds to the ornament's joyful nature. Congratulations to Sabrina Lakhaysy, this year's ornament contest winner for District 93!

*Artist: Sabrina Lakhaysy, Student
Fossil Ridge High School*



REPRESENTATIVE TONY TINDERHOLT

District 94





REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG GOLDMAN

District 97



The Special Needs Classroom taught by Ms. Devin Bohannon lovingly crafted this ornament consisting of puzzle pieces and multicolored ribbons representing different disabilities and differences found across our district and others.

“We have so many different cultures and disabilities, yet in our District, we work to make all the differences work and the pieces fit. Colleges and schools in the district also work to teach the students to embrace our diversities.”

*Artists: Roan Vallejo, Mason Stout, Anthony Soria,
Noah Ruelas & Caleb Donnelly, Students
Ms. Devin “Ms. Bo” Bohannon, Teacher
W.P. McLean Middle School
Fort Worth ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE ERIC JOHNSON

District 100



This ornament depicts 'Big Tex,' full of Christmas spirit, lassoing gifts while keeping his eye on a Fletcher's corn dog.

*Artist: Fatima Tapia, age 11
Morgan Ream, Teacher
W.E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy
Dallas ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TURNER

District 101



This ornament depicts the joys of education and the magic of the holiday season, which draws people together to celebrate life's blessings and one another.

*Artist: Enrique Nevarez
Tarrant County College-Southeast Campus*



REPRESENTATIVE LINDA KOOP

District 102



This ornament features bluebonnets, the official State flower, and the Dallas skyline at night. The artist included a full moon as a reminder of the lunar events of 2015: total lunar eclipse and supermoon.

*Artist: Madison Hotchko
Richardson High School Visual Arts Magnet*



REPRESENTATIVE RAFAEL ANCHIA

District 103





REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO

District 104



This ornament is dedicated to the heroes in the Grand Prairie community. It depicts various landmarks from the area, including the local police station and firehouse.

*Artist: Rosa Burciaga, Student
Lena Rodriguez & John Lucius, Teachers
Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY ANDERSON

District 105



This ornament celebrates the academic and artistic achievements and successes of past, present and future students of District 105.

“Keep Rockin’ Education and the Fine Arts in District 105!”

*Artists: Kevin Pennebaker & Monica Raymond, Teachers
Colin Powell Elementary
Grand Prairie ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH SHEETS

District 107



This ornament depicts many significant local landmarks such as Town East Mall, Mesquite Arena, and the Mesquite Tower, completed by a Texas flag in the background.

Artist: Annabel Esquivel



REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN MEYER

District 108



The ornament for District 108 highlights the beautiful skyline of downtown Dallas, our iconic Pegasus, and a tie symbolizing business. The artists included their favorite Texas symbols: a cowboy hat, the lone star, bluebonnets, and a monarch butterfly.

*Artists: Kate Boyer, Rylie Mae Dittrich & Grace O'Keefe, 8th Graders
(Jeane Clayton, Teacher)
Highland Park Middle School*



REPRESENTATIVE HELEN GIDDINGS

District 109



*T*itled “Winter Wonderland,” this ornament features 3D snowflakes of white and silver. The inside is decorated with silver ‘branches,’ reminiscent of a silver foil Christmas tree, and white ‘snow.’ The artist was inspired by the rare, but not unheard of, snowfall in North Texas.

Artist: Stephani Clark



REPRESENTATIVE TONI ROSE

District 110



*B*arack Obama Male Leadership Academy is located in District 110 and is a magnet school for males in grades 6-12. This ornament depicts the school motto, "Believe. Achieve. Succeed." Students feel that this motto represents both their school and District 110 as a whole.

*Artists: Team of Students
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CHEN BUTTON

District 112



Third graders imagine Richardson in lovely new fallen snow. They know it doesn't happen often but are excited when it does.

*Artist: Olivia Guernsey, 3rd Grader
Jess Harben Elementary*



REPRESENTATIVE CINDY BURKETT

District 113



*F*ishermen flock to Lake Ray Hubbard in District 113 because of the lake's many bass, catfish, and crappie species. So, too, do blue herons, a majestic bird celebrated on this ornament.

*Artist: Paula Lawson, Teacher
Garland High School
Garland ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE JASON VILLALBA

District 114



This ornament symbolizes how residents of District 114, despite their differences, come together for the greater good of the community. The birds, representing people, were chosen for their variation in size and color. Their arrangement, in a tight circle, denotes the community coming together. The snow and snowflakes stand for all change, both good and bad.

*Artists: Brenda Villegas, Jennifer Nevarez, Audrey Washington, Lorenzo Nevarez, Miles Carey, Teresa Chavez, Melanie Rivera, Ashley Martinez & Alexis Benitz
(Desiree Dumas, Teacher)*

E.D. Walker Middle School Art Club



REPRESENTATIVE MATT RINALDI

District 115



*Artist: Maria Fernanda Ramirez
Newman Smith High School*



REPRESENTATIVE TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER

District 116



*S*tudents in Ms. Castillo's class helped to create this representation of Santa's belly. Inside the ornament, the curled red strips of paper hold holiday wishes for the world, such as, "My Christmas wish is... for everyone to be happy; for everyone to have a friend...."

*Artists: Form 1 Students
Sandi Castillo, Teacher
Saint Mary's Hall, San Antonio*



REPRESENTATIVE RICK GALINDO

District 117



This ornament depicts Christmas at the Alamo, complete with Santa and Longhorns.

Artist: Chloe Zepeda



REPRESENTATIVE ROLAND GUTIERREZ

District 119



In 1720, Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo, or the “Queen of the Missions,” was founded in San Antonio. This magical mission continues to fill visitors with passion as they explore its deep-rooted history.

*Artist: Marisol Cortez
Mission San Jose Neighborhood Association*



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



This ornament was designed by Samantha “Sam” Ostos, who uses art to help kids at the San Antonio Children’s Shelter heal. The lamb symbolizes the shelter’s ability to restore innocence and strengthen families, while the multicolored ribbon signifies the wide range of services offered by the shelter. Finally, the Alamo celebrates the pride of San Antonio.

*Artist: Samantha Ostos
San Antonio Children’s Shelter*



SPEAKER JOE STRAUS

District 121



The Children's Bereavement Center in District 121 is a place where children can come to heal—a remarkable mission that is celebrated by this ornament. The flowers represent the young people who need the center, while the butterflies symbolize us all working as one to make a difference for each child.

*Artist: Enedina Casarez Vasquez
Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas*



REPRESENTATIVE LYLE LARSON

District 122



This ornament celebrates San Antonio and highlights the city's rich cultural heritage and love of colorful celebrations.

*Artist: Colin Lantz
Ronald Reagan High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DIEGO BERNAL

District 123





REPRESENTATIVE INA MINJAREZ

District 124



Celebrating the Pledge of Allegiance, San Antonio students reflect on their appreciation for the freedoms enjoyed as a result of the selfless bravery of the men and women in the Armed Forces.

San Antonio is often referred to as Military City, USA.

*Artist: Samantha Schwartz, Student
Earl Warren High School Art Department*



REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ

District 125



This ornament depicts the San Antonio skyline in the evening and the popular tourist boats, known as barges, which float along the San Antonio River. The artist chose the San Antonio skyline because that is the most iconic view to a Westside resident.

*Artist: Ruby Rios
Edgewood Fine Arts Academy*



REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HARLESS

District 126



*D*istrict 126 honors the outstanding law enforcement officers of its school districts and Harris County who work together every day to serve and protect the community. This ornament, created by three Klein High School seniors, says “Thank You” to the Harris County Sheriffs, Harris County Precinct Four Constables and Klein ISD Police Department, whose badges are displayed on the ornament. Residents are united in supporting all law enforcement officers in memory of Deputy Darren Goforth who was killed in the line of duty in August 2015.

*Artists: Emma Gehring, Sarah Horton & Grace Mikel, Students
(Dee Burgess, Art Teacher)
Klein High School*



REPRESENTATIVE DAN HUBERTY

District 127



*D*ecorated with Christmas cheer, this ornament declares, “Noel” and “Merry Christmas,” phrases often heard by citizens of District 127 during the holidays.

Artists: The Otis Family



REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE SMITH

District 128



*This ornament features the insignia & colors of the
La Porte Bulldogs to show District pride.*

*Artists: Fallon Lichnerowicz, Laney Thornton & Alycia Allen, Students
Matt Burke, Teacher
La Porte High School
La Porte ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS PAUL

District 129



St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and School is located in the Clear Lake area of Houston. The San Damiano cross reminds the school's staff and students of the selflessness of St. Clare and St. Francis, who chose to live a life of poverty in order to "Love God, Serve God..... Because everything is in that."

*Artist: Shawna Glad, Art Teacher
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church & School*



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN FLETCHER

District 130



This ornament is entitled, "Texas: Where Dreams Come True."

Artist: Sharon Slover

District Director for Representative Allen Fletcher



REPRESENTATIVE MIKE SCHOFIELD

District 132



This ornament symbolizes the unifying objectives of the District's many churches and denominations: promoting faith, helping others and bringing families closer together.

*Artist: Shawn K. Carson
Carson's Art School*



REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

District 133



The rustic style of this ornament represents the country roots that run deep throughout Texas. The heart shows where District 133 is located.

*Artist: Janet Hagedorn
Girl Scouts*



REPRESENTATIVE GARY ELKINS

District 135



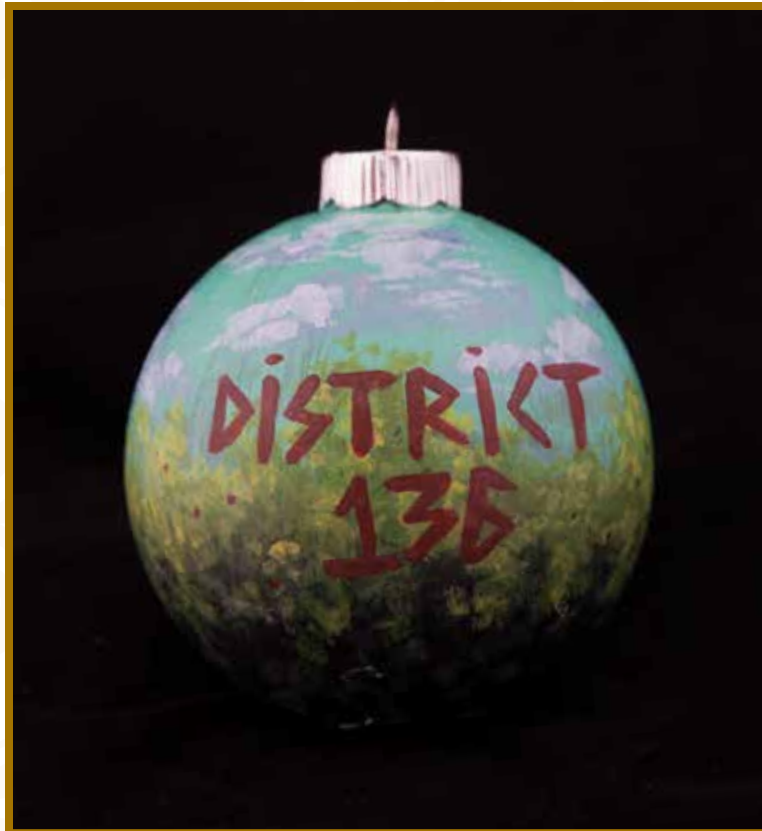
This ornament represents the city and schools of Jersey Village.

*Artist: Kim Vinson, 8th Grader
Cook Middle School
Cy Fair ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE TONY DALE

District 136



*T*his ornament depicts the natural vegetation and open vistas enjoyed by the communities on the outskirts of the Texas Hill Country.

*Artist: Lia Politi, Teacher
Vista Ridge High School Fine Arts Department*



REPRESENTATIVE GENE WU

District 137



This ornament features a rendition of Van Gogh's "Starry Night." Inside, paper 'wishing' stars, in a variety of purples, represent the hope needed to guide us through life.

Artist: Elinette Iglesias



REPRESENTATIVE DWAYNE BOHAC

District 138



This ornament celebrates the Texas State Capitol, which at 308 feet is the sixth-tallest capitol in the United States and one of several taller than the United States Capitol. The artist wanted to capture the building's magnificence and celebrate the tried-and-true saying that everything truly is bigger in Texas.

*Artist: Jessie Barrow, Student
(Bohye Na, Teacher)
Langham Creek High School
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD*



REPRESENTATIVE SENFRONIA THOMPSON

District 141



*D*istrict 141's ornament is delicate and contemporary. Colorful wax, a rich red bow, bulbs, burlap, and a butterfly all signify the community's strong faith, unwavering defense of freedom, and staunch belief in fairness.

*Artist: Tiffany Jack
Kipani Unlimited*



REPRESENTATIVE GILBERT PEÑA

District 144



The Pasadena High School Eagles lost a devoted staff member, Mrs. Carol Brasfield, when she passed away on April 24, 2015. Mrs. Brasfield worked in the OMEGA Program, serving high school students with intellectual disabilities and/or autism who require curriculum focusing on functional academics, communication, social skills, vocational training, and/or independent living skills training as determined by their postsecondary goals. This ornament is in memory of their beloved Eagle, Mrs. Brasfield.

*Artists: Rachel Obar, Student
(Teresa Chase, Teacher)
Pasadena High School - OMEGA Program*



REPRESENTATIVE BORRIS MILES

District 146



With this ornament, the artist reflected on the different landscapes of District 146, admiring the mix of urban and rural areas. This diversity also gives the area its mix of both traditional and modern residents.

*Artist: Abdullah Kurdi
Sharpstown High School*



REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FARRAR

District 148



*T*itled “Energy,” this ornament represents the amazing strength and vitality that Houston’s District 148 has to offer. Energy is seen throughout the district through its people, commerce, art, culture, and educational opportunities.

*Artist: Nicola Parente
Nicola Parente Fine Art*