

# Updated Poets Laureate Exhibit

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*"WHEREAS, There is a close connection between the long growth of civilization and the development of literature; and WHEREAS, It has been customary in all ages for governments to recognize this relation by elevating the poet to the same plane as statesmen and military leaders; and WHEREAS, The recognition of outstanding poets in this State and their elevation to places of honor will have a wholesome and beneficial effect on literature in this State ... "*

So was it resolved in [SCR 82, 43R](#), that every two years, "some outstanding and recognized poet, who is a citizen of Texas" would be designated as state poet laureate.

In 2019, the 86th Legislature named Carrie Fountain ([HR 903, SR 455](#)) and Emmy Pérez ([HR 897, SR 456](#)) as the latest poets laureate. Learn about them and other recently honored Texas poets laureate in our display on the north end of the library.

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