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Press Release

Bustard and Cyrus win the 2005 June Franklin Naylor Award

San Antonio, TX: The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee is pleased to announce that the 2005 June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History is awarded to Dr. Anne Bustard, author, and Kurt Cyrus, illustrator, for their book *Buddy: The Story of Buddy Holly*, published in 2005 by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, New York. The presentation was made by Laura T. Beavers, DRT Library Committee Chairman, in Arlington, Texas, at the 115th Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

In making the presentation, which Mrs. Beavers said was a unanimous choice by the judges, she commented, "The judges felt this book highlights a part of Texas history that is many times overlooked, a history of our state's musical artists. They admired the rhythmic flow of the text, the use of the distinct West Texas dialect, and the beautiful illustrations that added a unique pulse to the story."

The Naylor Committee cited *Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers: How a First Lady Changed America* by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by Joy Fisher Hein, HarperCollins Publishers, as an honorable mention. The committee also commended Greg Roza's *The Karankawa of Texas*, part of The Library of Native Americans series published by PowerKids Press™, for producing an appealing, grade appropriate account of a Texas Indian tribe.

The June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History, endowed by the family of June Franklin Naylor and sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, is given annually to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished book for children and young adults, grades K-12, that accurately portrays the history of Texas, whether fiction or nonfiction. Mrs. Naylor, for whom the award is named, was a former schoolteacher and long-time resident of Odessa, and she served as President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc., from 1989-1991.

A three-member panel of judges comprised of historians, educators, and librarians judge the entries. The 2005 committee included its chairman Dora Elizondo Guerra, historian and Spanish translator, Lucie Olson, independent library consultant, and Lucy Podmore, educator.