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H.R. No. 172

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Janie Cockrell of Corrigan on
2 August 31, 2003, brings to a close a law enforcement career spanning
3 27 years of superior service to the Texas Department of Criminal
4 Justice; and

5 WHEREAS, An alumna of Sam Houston State University, from
6 which she received a bachelor's degree in criminology and
7 corrections, Ms. Cockrell began her career with the state prison
8 system in 1976 as a correctional officer at the Goree Unit in
9 Huntsville, which then housed women offenders; during the ensuing
10 years she also served at the Gatesville Unit, the Powledge Unit, and
11 the Beto I Unit, and her responsibilities encompassed serving in
12 social services, working with special needs offenders, and
13 supervising counselors; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Cockrell was named a regional director of the
15 institutional division in 1994, and two years later she was
16 promoted to deputy director for support services for that division,
17 in which capacity she oversaw statewide systems related to
18 community relations, food service, laundry, and inmate
19 classification; in 1997 she was chosen as deputy director for the
20 division's security component, and since August 2001 she has served
21 as director of the institutional division, which operates 73 prison
22 units housing more than 130,000 offenders throughout the Lone Star
23 State; and

24 WHEREAS, In retirement, Ms. Cockrell happily anticipates

1 participating in a family ranching enterprise in the Corrigan area
2 and spending time with her wide-ranging circle of loved ones,
3 including her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cockrell; and

4 WHEREAS, Janie Cockrell has served the State of Texas with
5 integrity and dedication, and she has been an inspiring role model
6 for all those who have been privileged to work with her; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Janie Cockrell for
10 her impressive career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
11 and extend to her best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Cockrell as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.