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H.R. No. 33

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lyman Martin Labry has rendered outstanding service
2 to the people of Texas in his capacity as an architect for the Texas
3 Historic Courthouse Preservation Program of the Texas Historical
4 Commission (THC); and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1999, when the THC launched its acclaimed
6 effort to help restore the state's historic courthouses, Mr. Labry
7 has been assigned as project manager for a dozen sites in North and
8 West Texas; under his supervision, work has been completed on the
9 courthouses in Donley, Gray, Llano, Presidio, Shackelford, and
10 Sutton counties, and restoration is currently underway on the
11 courthouses in Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Wheeler counties; planning
12 grants have been completed for the Crosby County and Potter County
13 courthouses, and another such grant is now being prepared for the
14 Menard County courthouse; and

15 WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, where he was born September
16 9, 1951, Mr. Labry earned a bachelor's degree in political science
17 from the University of New Orleans in 1974; he went on to graduate
18 from The University of Texas at Austin with both a master of
19 architecture degree and a certificate in historic preservation in
20 1996; and

21 WHEREAS, The following year, after working as a design
22 assistant for an Austin architectural firm, Mr. Labry joined the
23 staff of the THC; among the many other duties he handles in his
24 present post are construction administration of the agency's

1 Capitol Complex capital improvement projects; and

2 WHEREAS, In recent years Mr. Labry has also served as a
3 volunteer architectural consultant and underwater archeologist at
4 Sadana Island, Egypt, where he produced measured drawings of an
5 18th-century Ottoman shipwreck, and as an architectural and
6 historic preservation field consultant in Chersonesus, Ukraine,
7 where he prepared drawings for the rehabilitation of an
8 18th-century monastery building; and

9 WHEREAS, The excellence of Mr. Labry's work has won him a
10 Mebane Travel Scholarship from The University of Texas for study in
11 Mexico and Japan; in addition, courthouse restoration projects
12 completed under his supervision have received recognition and
13 awards from the American Institute of Architects; and

14 WHEREAS, Through his work on Texas historic courthouses,
15 Lyman Labry has played an instrumental role in preserving a number
16 of those treasured buildings and with them, a vital part of the
17 state's architectural heritage; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Lyman Martin Labry
20 for his significant contributions to the courthouse preservation
21 program of the Texas Historical Commission and extend to him
22 sincere best wishes for a happy birthday and continued success in
23 the years ahead; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Labry as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.