

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 534

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dallas-area residents are holding a reception at  
2 Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church on March 29, 2003, to pay  
3 special tribute to the Honorable Roy Orr of DeSoto, who has for  
4 decades devoted his life to the noble calling of public service; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Orr is the former mayor of the city of DeSoto,  
6 and his dedication to citizens of the Metroplex community has led  
7 him to serve as a Dallas County commissioner and as president of the  
8 DeSoto School Board; he is also a former chairman of the Regional  
9 Transportation Council for Dallas-Fort Worth and a former executive  
10 board president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Widely acclaimed as a man of integrity and  
13 innovation, this accomplished Texan has been appointed to many  
14 prominent statewide organizations, including the Commission on  
15 Jail Standards and the Texas Aeronautics Commission; additionally,  
16 Mr. Orr has served the Lone Star State with distinction as chairman  
17 of the Texas State Property Tax Board, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage  
18 Commission, and the Texas County and District Retirement System  
19 Board of Trustees; and

20 WHEREAS, The Honorable Roy Orr, who has earned the respect  
21 and admiration of many of this nation's leaders, including  
22 President Jimmy Carter and President Ronald Reagan, brought his  
23 wealth of governmental expertise to his work as a member of both the  
24 Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Board and the

1 President's Advisory Committee on Federalism; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of these many notable achievements,  
3 Mr. Orr has won countless accolades from local groups, including  
4 the Dallas Press Club, the Dallas County chapter of the NAACP, and  
5 the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce; the city of Grand Prairie has named  
6 a boulevard in his honor, and the citizens of DeSoto have ensured  
7 that his legacy will live on for future generations with the  
8 creation of a park and a trail, all fitting tributes to a gentleman  
9 who has done so much to make his community a better place in which to  
10 live and work; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Roy Orr of DeSoto for his  
13 outstanding contributions to his community, state, and nation; and,  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Orr as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.