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H.R. No. 1456

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joy Graham, of the Salty community, has been chosen
2 to receive the John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission
3 Leadership Award from the Texas Historical Commission (THC); and

4 WHEREAS, Chair of the Milam County Historical Society since
5 2000, Mrs. Graham has contributed an exceptional vitality to local
6 preservation efforts and launched a variety of new initiatives; she
7 helped to organize the replacement of the Milam County Courthouse
8 clock tower, pursued grant funding for the courthouse restoration
9 project, assisted in raising more than \$450,000 in matching funds
10 for the latter endeavor, and helped arrange the installation of the
11 walk of memories on the courthouse grounds; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Graham has sought to commemorate a
13 number of sites throughout the county through the erection of
14 historical markers and has worked tirelessly to save the county's
15 historic bridges; this esteemed community leader also writes a
16 popular weekly history column for *The Rockdale Reporter*; and

17 WHEREAS, The THC presented Mrs. Graham with the county
18 historical commission leadership award on May 16, 2003, during the
19 commission's Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Austin;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Joy Graham has given unstintingly of her time and
22 energy to save and promote the history of Milam County, and her
23 invaluable efforts in this worthy cause have truly enriched all
24 Texans; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Joy Graham on her receipt of the
3 John Ben Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Award
4 from the Texas Historical Commission and extend to her sincere best
5 wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mrs. Graham as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.