

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jocelyn Levi Straus, who is being honored with the 2005 Laura Bush Service and Education Award by the Republican Business Women of Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, A longtime activist and philanthropist, Joci Straus has participated in Republican Party politics and San Antonio charitable organizations for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Straus began her political activities as chair of the Nixon Girls in 1960, and she has worked tirelessly for local, state, and national Republican candidates and causes ever since; and

WHEREAS, Joci's dedication to service is manifest in her activities on behalf of a diverse group of organizations; she sits on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, and Saint Mary's Hall School, and she is cochair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy; and

WHEREAS, For her outstanding community leadership and volunteerism, she was elected to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in the Volunteer Service category and has received the Yellow Rose Award from the Juvenile Diabetes Association of San Antonio, the award for Outstanding Community Service from the American Heart Association, and the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the Friends of the San Antonio Library, the Texas State Preservation Board, the Witte Museum Association, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Development Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Jocelyn Levi Straus for her invaluable contributions to the San Antonio community and to our state and congratulate her on receiving the 2005 Laura Bush Service and Education Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate