

By: Jones of Lubbock

H.R. No. 381

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerry D. Casstevens of Lubbock is retiring from the
2 South Plains Association of Governments on February 28, 2005,
3 drawing to a close an outstanding 25-year career with this notable
4 organization; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating from Lubbock High School in 1960,
6 Mr. Casstevens attended Texas Tech University, where he earned a
7 bachelor of science degree in economics, and went on to receive his
8 master's degree in economics from Hardin-Simmons University in
9 1971; he continued to pursue his studies at the Public Executive
10 Institute at The University of Texas at Austin and the Economic
11 Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Casstevens served with distinction in the U.S.
13 Air Force from 1964 to 1969, earning his wings as a navigator and
14 flying as an electronic warfare officer on a B-52; after the
15 service, he was employed with First National Bank in Abilene before
16 working as director of planning with the West Central Texas Council
17 of Governments and then as assistant to the director and deputy
18 executive director for the East Texas Council of Governments; and

19 WHEREAS, On September 11, 1979, Mr. Casstevens became the
20 executive director of the South Plains Association of Governments;
21 during his tenure, he reorganized the governing body structure to
22 assure minority representation and helped to create the South
23 Plains Economic Development District, Caprock Business Finance
24 Corporation, and South Plains Housing Finance Corporation; Mr.

1 Casstevens also played a vital role in establishing three revolving
2 loan fund programs and was essential in the development of the law
3 enforcement firing range, the creation and cosponsorship of the
4 High Ground regional economic development marketing system, and the
5 establishment of the rural rail transportation district; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional contributions, Mr.
7 Casstevens also remained active with numerous boards and
8 organizations in the Lubbock community, including the Southwest
9 Lubbock Rotary, the Texas City Management Association, the West
10 Texas City Managers Association, and the Texas Association of
11 Regional Councils; furthermore, he served as chairman of the Texas
12 Tech Center for Public Service and worked with the Texas Economic
13 Development Council and the Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan has served the South Plains
16 Association of Governments with integrity and dedication, earning
17 the lasting respect of all who have been privileged to work with
18 him, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize
19 him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry D. Casstevens on the occasion
22 of his retirement from the South Plains Association of Governments
23 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
24 further

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