

By: Ritter

H.R. No. 1295

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sharon E. Jarvis, an assistant professor in the
2 Department of Communication Studies at The University of Texas at
3 Austin, has been awarded the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
4 for 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1911, the Friar Society is UT's oldest
6 and most respected honor society, and the Friar Fellowship is the
7 university's largest award for undergraduate teaching excellence;
8 created to specifically recognize faculty members who have attained
9 distinction teaching undergraduates, the award honors recipients
10 who are nominated by faculty peers and students from all
11 disciplines; and

12 WHEREAS, Selected from among more than 2,000 eligible
13 candidates for the fellowship, Dr. Jarvis has been nominated for
14 the award every year she has taught at the university, and she is
15 only the second nontenured faculty member to ever receive the
16 honor, and only the third recipient in the College of
17 Communication; and

18 WHEREAS, Specializing in the study of political
19 communication from quantitative and qualitative perspectives, Dr.
20 Jarvis teaches a variety of courses at the undergraduate and
21 graduate levels, including political communication, campaign
22 communication, and persuasion theory, and serves as the associate
23 director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Participation;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, She holds a bachelor's degree in political science
2 from the University of California at Davis, a master's degree in
3 communication from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. in
4 communication studies from UT; in addition to the Friar Fellowship,
5 she has received several other teaching awards, including the
6 College of Communication Outstanding Professor Award, the Eyes of
7 Texas Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Texas Blazers' Faculty
8 Excellence Award, as well as a number of research awards and
9 fellowships; this esteemed scholar currently has a book under
10 contract titled *The Talk of the Party: Political Versus Symbolic*
11 *Capital in American Life, 1948-2004*; and

12 WHEREAS, At a time when many universities place a higher
13 premium on faculty research and publication than on teaching, it is
14 particularly vital to recognize those professors who excel at what
15 should be the most important priority of our schools, the education
16 of our youth; relishing her role as a teacher, Sharon Jarvis has
17 proven herself a most deserving recipient of this honor; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Sharon E. Jarvis on her receipt
21 of the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship for 2005 and extend to
22 her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important
23 work; and, be it further

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