

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vivian Leigh Lewis of Austin has devoted 30 years to
2 serving as a social worker specializing in preventing child abuse,
3 a significant and impressive commitment in a demanding profession,
4 and it is a pleasure to commend her as she begins her 31st year in
5 the social services industry; and

6 WHEREAS, A 1973 graduate of the former Southwest Texas State
7 University, Ms. Lewis became a certified secondary education
8 teacher that same year; she began her career as a Social Worker II
9 with the Travis County Child Welfare Unit and remains focused on
10 improving and saving the lives of vulnerable children even as she
11 enters her fourth decade in the field; and

12 WHEREAS, After several years of affiliation with state
13 agencies specializing in protecting the rights of children, Ms.
14 Lewis founded the Orion Center in 1986; the leadership and
15 management skills she developed during her service with the state
16 and as a part-time private practitioner have enabled this vital
17 operation to successfully serve the public for nearly 20 years; and

18 WHEREAS, The Orion Center treats offenders and victims of
19 violent crimes, specializing in family reunification; danger risk
20 assessment; assessment of recantation, false accusation, and/or
21 false denial issues in cases of sexual assault; and specialized sex
22 offender treatment; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards and
24 accolades for her progressive and influential work; in addition,

1 she has served on multiple boards, task forces, and committees and
2 has authored numerous books and articles; her efforts are truly
3 extraordinary and have helped immeasurably to advance the study and
4 treatment of sex offenders and other violent criminals; and

5 WHEREAS, Thanks to the expertise and experience of Ms. Lewis,
6 countless individuals and their families have moved forward after
7 experiencing emotional and/or physical trauma in their lives, and
8 the citizens of Austin truly are fortunate to have such a dedicated
9 individual living and working among them; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Vivian Leigh Lewis for her 30 years of
12 exceptional service as a social worker and praise her for her
13 positive contributions to the citizens of the Lone Star State; and,
14 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1333

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1333 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House