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H.R. No. 1333

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.