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H.R. No. 1738

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joyce Maxine Whigham Dorrycott of San Antonio
2 celebrated a special milestone in her life with her 75th birthday on
3 April 13, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, An active voice in educating the public about
5 domestic violence as well as a prominent political advisor, Ms.
6 Dorrycott received her bachelor's and master's degrees with honors
7 in history and political science from Southwest Texas State
8 University and was a professor in the political science department
9 at the university for 14 years; and

10 WHEREAS, She established the family violence unit of the
11 Bexar County District Attorney's Office and chaired a San Antonio
12 task force on domestic violence; she also organized statewide
13 support for the passage of 23 domestic violence and child abuse
14 laws; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Dorrycott has been honored for her vital work
16 with countless organizations and committees, including the
17 statewide Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, the
18 Children's Trust Fund of San Antonio, the Bexar County Coalition on
19 Domestic Violence, of which she is a cofounder, and the Commission
20 on Juvenile Justice; this esteemed woman is the author of numerous
21 articles and books, has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement
22 Award from the Bexar County Democratic Party, and was inducted into
23 the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in 1984; and

24 WHEREAS, The mother of three sons and two daughters, Ms.

1 Dorrycott also maintains close ties with her extended family; she
2 led in the establishment of the Whigham Family Association and has
3 compiled two books on their shared heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, With steadfast determination, Joyce Dorrycott has
5 had an immeasurable impact on the lives of many Texans, and her
6 dedication to her state is truly worthy of special recognition on
7 this memorable occasion; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Joyce Whigham Dorrycott on her 75th
10 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
11 success and happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Dorrycott as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.