

BILL ANALYSIS

H.C.R. 174
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Honorable George E. "Buddy" West of Odessa, a highly respected member of the Texas House of Representatives, passed away on June 25, 2008, at the age of 71. Over the course of his notable tenure, which spanned from 1992 until his death, Representative West served constituents in Ector, Andrews, and Winkler Counties, earning the appreciation and admiration of countless people along the way.

He was particularly active in the areas of energy policy and education, chairing the House Committee on Energy Resources, contributing to committees on public education and higher education, and supporting the growth of his alma mater, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Moreover, he was always a strong advocate for Odessa, the city he called home for more than 60 years.

The Texas Legislature has a long history of honoring groups and individuals by designating highways, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in their honor, and Buddy West's exemplary contributions to the Lone Star State make him especially worthy of such a tribute.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

HCR 174 will honor former State Representative George E. "Buddy" West of Odessa, by designating the overpass at the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 338 in Odessa as the Buddy West Memorial Overpass.

HCR 174 provides that the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the chair and the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

At a time designed by the Texas Department of Transportation.