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H.C.R. No. 144

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Mitzi Jo Hopper Ziegner has been honored by the YWCA
2 of Lubbock with a Women of Excellence Award for her remarkable
3 achievements in the fields of education and religion, and her
4 selection for this tribute is most fitting; and

5 WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award was created in 1989 to
6 emphasize the vital roles that women play in both the civic and
7 professional worlds, honoring women for their achievements and for
8 their contributions to the community as leaders and volunteers; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Ziegner has dedicated her professional life to
10 improving the quality of education for elementary students; a 1995
11 cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University, she earned a
12 bachelor's degree in human development and family studies and went
13 on to earn a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a
14 reading and early childhood specialization from Wayland Baptist
15 University; she also completed extensive postgraduate professional
16 development courses and training in areas that include effectively
17 teaching children in poverty, positive classroom instruction and
18 discipline, gifted and talented education, and dyslexia
19 intervention; and

20 WHEREAS, Beginning her career in 1998 as a Head Start teacher
21 at Ballenger Early Childhood Center, Ms. Ziegner later worked as a
22 second-grade teacher at Nat Williams Elementary; while holding a
23 teaching position, she served as a part-time early childhood
24 education instructor at Texas Tech University and a cooperating

1 teacher and mentor for student teachers and lab and practicum
2 students; and

3 WHEREAS, A woman of extraordinary talent and energy, Ms.
4 Ziegner currently holds three positions at Texas Tech University:
5 she is a full-time early childhood and elementary education
6 instructor and university supervisor in the Colleges of Education
7 and Human Sciences; she serves as an adjunct instructor in the
8 distance-learning program; and she is an independent educational
9 trainer, guest lecturer, and consultant for Texas Tech's Early Head
10 Start Program, the Christine DeVitt and Helen DeVitt Jones Child
11 Development Research Center, and the Lubbock, Lubbock-Cooper, and
12 Frenship Independent School Districts; and

13 WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, Ms. Ziegner has made
14 valuable leadership contributions to education; an active
15 supporter of the Lubbock Independent School District, she has
16 worked on numerous committees and councils; after earning an
17 honorary membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron, the College of Human
18 Sciences honor society, she was named that organization's faculty
19 advisor, and she has generously assisted the College of Human
20 Sciences and its alumni association; and

21 WHEREAS, In recognition of her influence and actions to
22 improve the quality of elementary education, she was honored as the
23 2004 Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences Distinguished
24 Alumni New Achiever; and

25 WHEREAS, Ms. Ziegner also shares her time with the Junior
26 League of Lubbock; an executive board member, she has served the
27 group as public relations chair, publicity chair, and member of the

1 2008-2009 Nominating Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Women of Excellence Award,
3 Mitzi Ziegner joins an elite group of women who have been honored by
4 the YWCA of Lubbock; distinguished by her intelligence,
5 determination, and talent, she is indeed a worthy role model for
6 this and future generations; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby congratulate Mitzi Jo Hopper Ziegner on receiving a 2009
9 Women of Excellence Award from the YWCA of Lubbock and extend to her
10 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
11 further

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