

By: Lewis

H.C.R. No. 267

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lettie England of Odessa is an outstanding community  
2 leader whose achievements and tireless efforts have immeasurably  
3 enhanced cultural life in her area; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2005, Ms. England has served as administrator  
5 of the Presidential Museum, which is dedicated to the study of the  
6 office of the presidency and of our nation's constitutional  
7 government and presidential election process; she first joined the  
8 museum staff a quarter-century ago as education/marketing director  
9 and has worked diligently through the years to support it; her  
10 leadership was especially vital following the arson fire in 2007  
11 that damaged the historic home once owned by former President  
12 George H. W. Bush, which stands on the museum grounds; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. England has also devoted herself to assisting  
14 children and the elderly during her 43 years as an Odessa resident;  
15 she served as president of the Austin Elementary School PTA for  
16 three years and was appointed to the Ector County Child Welfare  
17 Board and the Tri-Ethnic Committee of the Ector County Independent  
18 School District; she advocated for the young, the elderly, and the  
19 arts both locally and statewide as a volunteer in the political  
20 arena; and

21 WHEREAS, A licensed social worker, Ms. England is certified  
22 as a family life educator by the National Council of Family  
23 Relations and has many years' experience as a social worker in  
24 hospice and long-term care; she served as a member of the public

1 policy committee of the Texas Association of Homes and Services for  
2 the Aging; moreover, she founded the Midland Odessa chapter of the  
3 Compassionate Friends support group for the bereaved; with degrees  
4 in psychology, education, and history, she has served as a  
5 continuing education instructor at Midland and Odessa College and  
6 as a guest lecturer in the sociology department of The University of  
7 Texas of the Permian Basin; and

8         WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has also served on the board of  
9 the Permian Playhouse and was instrumental in obtaining a grant to  
10 support the playhouse; through her myriad endeavors, she has made  
11 Odessa a better place to live and work, and it is indeed a pleasure  
12 to recognize her; now, therefore, be it

13         RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby honor Lettie England for her contributions to her community  
15 and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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