

By: Pitts

H.C.R. No. 268

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a distinguished native son  
2 with the passing of the Honorable George E. "Buddy" West on June 25,  
3 2008, yet his contributions continue to resonate in the lives of his  
4 fellow Texans; and

5           WHEREAS, Buddy West was first elected as the state  
6 representative for District 81 in 1992 and spent 16 years in the  
7 house; he was a highly effective advocate for his constituents in  
8 Ector, Andrews, and Winkler Counties, and his wisdom and guidance  
9 had a positive influence on his colleagues in the house; he was  
10 particularly active in the areas of energy policy and education,  
11 chairing the House Committee on Energy Resources, contributing to  
12 committees on public education and higher education, and supporting  
13 the growth of his alma mater, The University of Texas of the Permian  
14 Basin; by his side throughout his legislative career was his wife,  
15 successful real estate agent and admired Odessa resident Shirley  
16 West, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage; and

17           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is all the better for the efforts  
18 of this esteemed Texan, and it is most appropriate that lasting  
19 tribute be paid to his service through the naming of a state  
20 facility in his honor; and

21           WHEREAS, By this resolution, the presiding officers and  
22 members of the house and senate express support and consent for  
23 naming a permanent facility at The University of Texas of the  
24 Permian Basin in honor of Buddy and Shirley West, and this

1 resolution serves as the authorization required by Section  
2 2165.005, Government Code; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name a permanent  
5 facility at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in honor of  
6 Buddy and Shirley West; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
8 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the  
9 Texas Facilities Commission.