

By: Lewis

H.R. No. 172

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Attorney and civic leader Fred M. Jones has been  
2 named 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce;  
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4 WHEREAS, A native of Odessa, "Mickey" Jones is a graduate of  
5 Permian High School; he earned his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech  
6 University in 1970 and his law degree from Baylor University in  
7 1973; he started his own practice in Odessa in 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been active in his community for many  
9 years; he served on the board of trustees of the Ector County  
10 Independent School District from 1979 to 1989, and he has been the  
11 chair of the board for the Region 18 Education Service Center; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1984 to 1988, he was a member of the board of  
13 the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, and he has worked  
14 with the Ector County Appraisal District since 1988; a past  
15 president of the Odessa Country Club, he has served on the board of  
16 the Texas Golf Association since 1988; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones continues to serve on the boards of  
18 Security State Bank, the Texas Association of Bank Counsel, and the  
19 Colorado River Municipal Water District; from 2006 to 2007, he was  
20 chair of the board of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, where he has  
21 also been vice chair of legislative affairs; and

22 WHEREAS, In spite of his busy professional life and many  
23 other responsibilities, this caring gentleman has also found time  
24 to work with the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, United

1 Way of Odessa, and the Texas Center for Educational Research; a man  
2 of strong faith, he has been active with the Westminster  
3 Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew Cumberland Presbyterian Church;  
4 in all of his endeavors, he is supported by the love of his wife,  
5 Margaret, and their four children, Marcia, Brad, Catherine, and  
6 Elizabeth; and

7 WHEREAS, The vitality of civic life in Texas depends in large  
8 part upon the generous contributions of time, energy, and expertise  
9 by dedicated citizens, and Mickey Jones has proven himself time and  
10 again to be an outstanding leader in his community; it is most  
11 fitting that he has been recognized with this prestigious award  
12 from his fellow Odessans; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Fred M. Jones for being named the  
15 Odessa Chamber of Commerce 2008 Citizen of the Year and extend to  
16 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,  
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.