

By: Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1764

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jean Ann Ables-Flatt of Terrell has received a Best
2 of East Texas Award from a Lufkin-based publishing company for her
3 outstanding contributions toward the preservation of Kaufman
4 County history; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Bowman, co-owner of Best of East Texas
6 Publishers, presented the award to Mrs. Ables-Flatt on April 7,
7 2009, during a meeting of the Terrell City Council; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ables-Flatt has been involved for more than two
9 decades in recovering, recording, and promoting local history, and
10 while pursuing those interests she has worked with a number of area
11 organizations; she is the longtime chair of the Kaufman County
12 Historical Commission, which under her leadership has won a
13 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission
14 every year since 1995; in addition, she has served as director and
15 president of the Terrell Heritage Society (THS) and as historian
16 for First United Methodist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, The author of several booklets about local history
18 and of a regular feature in the THS newsletter, Mrs. Ables-Flatt has
19 also written and produced a play about a notable incident in the
20 city's past, and her theatrical flair helps her to make history come
21 alive for children when she portrays various historical figures for
22 them, dressed in period costumes; other avenues for sharing her
23 knowledge and enthusiasm include volunteering her skills as a
24 certified genealogical records specialist at the Riter C. Hulsey

1 Public Library, helping residents to trace the history of their
2 homes, and leading historic driving tours of the city; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of her tireless commitment, a special
4 day was proclaimed in her honor in 1996, and she was appointed in
5 1999 to a six-year term on the Texas Historical Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, Jean Ann Ables-Flatt has devoted untold hours to
7 researching and preserving the history of a special corner of the
8 Lone Star State, and through her exceptional efforts, countless
9 citizens have gained a richer appreciation of their heritage; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jean Ann Ables-Flatt on her receipt
13 of a Best of East Texas Award from Best of East Texas Publishers and
14 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in all her
15 endeavors; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mrs. Ables-Flatt as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.