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H.R. No. 591

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The John Dewey Municipal Justice Center opened on  
2 February 5, 2011, and this impressive facility is a fitting tribute  
3 to the long and successful service of Lake Jackson city attorney  
4 John Dewey; and

5 WHEREAS, Hailing from Delaware, Ohio, Mr. Dewey was a  
6 10-letter athlete and merit scholar at Delaware Hayes High School  
7 and was later inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame; he  
8 went on to earn a degree from Ohio State University in 1961 and then  
9 served in the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command in Asia from 1963  
10 to 1969, ultimately rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the  
11 Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, After returning to the United States, Mr. Dewey  
13 earned his juris doctorate from The University of Texas at Austin  
14 School of Law and started a private practice in Lake Jackson,  
15 focusing on utility, corporate, and elections law; he became city  
16 attorney for Lake Jackson in 1973, beginning an association with  
17 the city that would last for 34 years, and he provided exemplary  
18 assistance to council members navigating the intricacies of  
19 municipal government law; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Dewey has shared his time and talents as chair of  
21 the legislative committee of the Brazoria County Bar Association  
22 and the District 5 State Bar Admissions Committee; he received a  
23 lifetime achievement award from the Texas City Attorneys  
24 Association in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. Dewey has  
2 coached youth baseball and chaired the Brazoria County Cancer  
3 Society, and he has further distinguished himself as a member of the  
4 Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Noon Lions Club, the 100  
5 Club of Brazoria County, and the Lake Jackson Business Association;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dewey was always interested in politics, and he  
8 became involved with the Republican Party of Brazoria County in  
9 1974, when there were only 600 Republicans voting in the primary; he  
10 was part of the continued growth of the party, serving in the  
11 vanguard of the Reagan Revolution as a Houston area leader in 1976,  
12 1980, and 1984 and as chair of the Republican Party of Brazoria  
13 County from 1980 to 1986, when the party experienced unprecedented  
14 growth to over 15,000 primary voters; he continues to be active with  
15 the group today, with his wife serving as party chair for the past  
16 10 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, John Dewey has made  
18 enormous contributions to the Lake Jackson area, and the justice  
19 center named in his honor will serve as a lasting reminder of his  
20 notable work; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the John Dewey  
23 Municipal Justice Center in Lake Jackson and extend to Mr. Dewey  
24 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for Mr. Dewey as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
27 House of Representatives.