

By: Lewis

H.R. No. 1090

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Leonard Bruce retired as a prosecutor with the Ector
2 County District Attorney's Office on February 28, 2011, concluding
3 a distinguished legal career that spanned more than two decades;
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5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Texas Southern University Thurgood
6 Marshall School of Law, Lenny Bruce entered public service in 1989
7 as an attorney for the Odessa Municipal Court; he transferred to the
8 county attorney's office the next year and then worked in private
9 practice for a decade, beginning in 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce joined the Ector County District
11 Attorney's Office in 2002 and was assigned to the 161st District
12 Court, where Judge Tryon Lewis then presided; four years later, he
13 moved to the 244th District Court; and

14 WHEREAS, Tremendously dedicated, Mr. Bruce won the deep
15 admiration and respect of his colleagues through his consummate
16 skill and commitment to excellence; he prepared his cases with
17 great thoroughness and impressed other attorneys with his ability
18 to anticipate testimony and potential objections; although firm and
19 resolute when required, his innate courtesy and good nature were
20 always apparent in the courtroom; his heavy caseload never deterred
21 him from finding the time to help anyone who needed assistance, and
22 his kindness and generosity endeared him to everyone; and

23 WHEREAS, Lenny Bruce's retirement has freed up some 16 hours
24 a day to pursue his dream of building a six-seater kit airplane, a

1 project that will certainly benefit from his legendary work ethic
2 and attention to detail; although Mr. Bruce will be missed by his
3 coworkers, his passion for justice and the high standards he set
4 will continue to inspire all who have been privileged to know him;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Leonard Bruce on his exceptional career
8 as an Ector County prosecutor and honor him for a job well done in
9 behalf of his fellow citizens; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Bruce as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.