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H.R. No. 2633

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The vitality of the political process in Texas
2 depends on the active participation of its citizens, and Joyce
3 Dorrycott has demonstrated an exemplary spirit of civic engagement
4 in both her professional and volunteer endeavors; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning her college career at the age of 40, Ms.
6 Dorrycott graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a
7 bachelor's degree in history and political science in 1974 and a
8 master's degree in 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, She worked for the Texas House of Representatives
10 for two sessions, then returned to Southwest Texas State University
11 as an instructor, teaching students about the role of government;
12 she briefly left the university to work as director of special
13 projects in the office of District Attorney Sam Millsap during the
14 1980s, advocating for measures related to child abuse and family
15 violence and helping to establish the family violence unit; and

16 WHEREAS, After retiring from teaching in 1994, Ms. Dorrycott
17 soon found a new challenge, participating in the Northwest
18 Democrats and chairing the organization for eight years; she also
19 oversaw several political campaigns, has twice served on the
20 City/County Consolidation Commission, has been a member of the
21 elections committee for Bexar County, and took part in Target '90,
22 the San Antonio community planning project led by then Mayor Henry
23 Cisneros; furthermore, she has chaired three separate district
24 attorney task forces on juvenile justice, domestic violence, and
25 child abuse; additionally, she has found the time to write and is

1 the author of numerous articles and books; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has been honored for her work by
3 many organizations and committees, including the statewide Council
4 on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, the Children's Trust Fund of
5 San Antonio, the Bexar County Coalition on Domestic Violence, and
6 the Commission on Juvenile Justice; she has been recognized with
7 the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bexar County Democratic
8 Party, and in 1984, she was inducted into the San Antonio Women's
9 Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Dorrycott shared a rewarding marriage with her
11 husband, Don Green, who supported her in all of her endeavors until
12 he passed away in 2008; the proud mother of three sons and two
13 daughters, she has delighted in welcoming into her family eight
14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, As an exceptional teacher, a strong voice in
16 educating the public about domestic violence, and a respected
17 political advisor, Joyce Dorrycott has worked tirelessly for good
18 government, and she may indeed take pride in her notable
19 achievements; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Joyce Dorrycott for her civic and
22 community service and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
23 future; and, be it further

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