

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 326

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Janey and Melvin Lack are being honored on February
2 12, 2015, with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the South Texas
3 Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

4 WHEREAS, Longtime residents of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Lack
5 are the retired owners of the retail chain Lack's Stores, Inc.,
6 which Mr. Lack led as president and CEO and Mrs. Lack as vice
7 president of marketing and advertising; the couple both completed
8 master's degrees in business administration at Harvard University
9 following their undergraduate studies, which Mr. Lack pursued at
10 Rice University and Mrs. Lack at the University of Michigan; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, this esteemed pair have given freely
12 of their time and energy to a wide range of organizations; Melvin
13 Lack has served as treasurer of the board of the Victoria Chamber of
14 Commerce, as president and vice president of the board of the
15 Victoria Economic Development Corporation, and as a member of the
16 boards of the United Way, the Victoria Fine Arts Association, and
17 Congregation B'nai Israel; in addition, he is the founding chair of
18 the Victoria Business and Education Coalition, and he has
19 co-chaired successful campaigns to pass bond issues for Victoria
20 College and for the Victoria Independent School District; and

21 WHEREAS, Janey Lack has likewise rendered exceptional
22 service in the public realm; currently a member of advisory
23 councils for The University of Texas at Austin and the University of
24 Michigan, she has also held a seat on the Higher Education

1 Commission for the University of Houston and the State Job Training
2 Coordinating Council and chaired the Educational Economic Policy
3 Center, the Texas Council on Vocational Education, and the
4 Governor's Task Force on Literacy; locally, she has served on the
5 Victoria City Council and led the Victoria Parks and Recreation
6 Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the
7 Victoria Tax Increment Finance Board; she has also supported a
8 number of worthy causes and organizations, among them the Victoria
9 Symphony Society, whose endowment trust she has chaired; and

10 WHEREAS, For her many contributions, Mrs. Lack has received
11 such accolades as the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Victoria
12 Rotary Club, the People Who Make a Difference Award from the
13 University of Houston, and the Victoria Women of Achievement Award;
14 Mr. Lack has been honored with the Jaycee Distinguished Citizens
15 Award and with the inaugural Golden Diploma Award from the Victoria
16 Chamber of Commerce; in 2007, the Lacks were selected as Retailers
17 of the Year by the National Home Furnishings Association, an
18 organization that Mr. Lack has served variously as president,
19 treasurer, and board chair; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lack have been married for close to
21 five decades, and they are deeply devoted to their family, which
22 today includes their children, David Lack, Jeffrey Lack and his
23 wife, Cinda, and Julie Lack, and their grandchildren, Clara, Ellie,
24 Grace, Mason, and Mackenzie; and

25 WHEREAS, An inspiring husband and wife team, Janey and Melvin
26 Lack have made a lasting difference through their generous
27 volunteer efforts, and they are indeed richly deserving of this

1 most recent tribute; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Janey and Melvin Lack on their receipt of
4 the Distinguished Citizen Award from the South Texas Council of the
5 Boy Scouts of America and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
6 future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Lack as an expression of high regard by
9 the Texas House of Representatives.