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H.R. No. 519

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Emma Bass of Leon County has long exemplified civic  
2 engagement at its finest, and her exceptional record of community  
3 service is a continuing source of inspiration to all who know her;  
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5           WHEREAS, Born Emma Lou Blasingame in Houston on October 9,  
6 1936, Mrs. Bass moved to Robbins at the age of seven; she gained  
7 experience in the newspaper industry working for four years with  
8 the *Leon County News*, and she subsequently established the  
9 *Centerville News*, whose first issue came off the press on April 23,  
10 1980; the paper became a community institution, and she continued  
11 to publish it until her retirement in December 2014; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Bass has also contributed  
13 immeasurably to a host of organizations that have benefited the  
14 lives of area citizens; she is a cofounder of the Centerville  
15 Chamber of Commerce and the Leon County Economic Development  
16 Association, both of which she has served as a director and as  
17 president, and she is also a cofounder of the Elmer P. and Jewel  
18 Ward Memorial Library, whose board she has served as vice  
19 president; in addition, she has been a representative to the Brazos  
20 Valley Council of Governments, has helped to organize and lead such  
21 groups as the Friends of Fort Boggy State Park and the Leon County  
22 Opera, and has rendered extensive service to the Leon County Fourth  
23 of July Funtier Days celebration as a director and committee  
24 member; moreover, she has been a staunch supporter of 4-H, FFA, and

1 many other school organizations; and

2       WHEREAS, In recognition of all she has done to promote worthy  
3 causes in her county, Mrs. Bass has twice been named Woman of the  
4 Year by the Centerville chamber, which has also conferred on her its  
5 Citizen of the Year Award, Past President's Award, Pioneer Award,  
6 and Most Special Award; this esteemed Texan is the recipient of  
7 myriad other honors as well, including the Community Builder Award  
8 from the Centerville Masonic Lodge and citations from the Leon  
9 County Genealogical Society, Leon County Retired Teachers  
10 Association, and East Texas Mounted Search and Rescue; in 2014, she  
11 served as grand marshal of the Funtier Days Parade; and

12       WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Bass enjoyed the love and  
13 support of her husband of 57 years, Walter Terrell Bass, who passed  
14 away in 2009; she takes pride in a fine family that includes her  
15 son, Walter Lee Bass, and his wife, Geneva, as well as two  
16 granddaughters and several great-grandchildren; and

17       WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and  
18 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better  
19 place through their actions and their example, and Emma Bass of Leon  
20 County is indeed one such person; now, therefore, be it

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend Emma Bass for her many years of service  
23 to the city of Centerville and to Leon County and extend to her  
24 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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