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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Evelyn Davies was recognized with the Mary Nell
Strong Community Service Award by the YWCA of Lubbock at its annual
Women of Excellence Awards Ceremony on March 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1989, the Women of Excellence Awards honor individuals for their contributions as leaders and volunteers, highlighting the vital roles that women play in civic and professional endeavors in the Lubbock area; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to her community, Evelyn 8 Davies has generously donated her time and resources to address 9 charitable needs in Lubbock; since moving to the city with her 10 11 husband, William Davies, in 1992, she has given hundreds of 12 thousands of dollars to the Lubbock Area Foundation, through which grants have been made to a host of nonprofit organizations 13 14 benefiting children and youth; she has also supported Texas Tech University, endowing a professorship and a memorial scholarship for 15 16 the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery and donating art collections that are now on display at the Museum of Texas Tech 17 University and the National Ranching Heritage Center; and 18

WHEREAS, The daughter of prominent rancher, civic leader, and philanthropist C. T. McLaughlin, Ms. Davies studied at Texas Tech University before earning her bachelor's degree in English from Chatham College in 1944 and her master's degree from the University of Houston in 1978; she is the former owner of her family's Diamond M Ranch in Snyder and the current director of the Diamond M

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1 Foundation, established by her parents in 1949; and

2 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Women of Excellence Award, 3 Evelyn Davies joins an elite group of women who have been honored by 4 the YWCA of Lubbock, and she is indeed a worthy role model for this 5 and future generations; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Evelyn Davies on receiving the 2017 8 Mary Nell Strong Community Service Award from the YWCA of Lubbock 9 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and 10 happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for Ms. Davies as an expression of high regard by the Texas 13 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1074 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House