

By: Landgraf

H.C.R. No. 53

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lettie England of Odessa is an outstanding community
2 leader whose achievements and tireless efforts have immeasurably
3 enhanced cultural life in her area; and

4 WHEREAS, From 2004 through 2010, Ms. England served as
5 administrator of the Presidential Archives and Leadership Library,
6 which is dedicated to the study of the office of the presidency and
7 of our nation's constitutional government and presidential
8 election process; she first joined the museum staff in the 1980s as
9 education/marketing director, during which time she was essential
10 to the construction of an exhibit depicting the chronology and
11 history of the United States from George Washington's presidency to
12 President Kennedy and the Civil Rights Era; she has worked
13 diligently through the years to support the institution, and her
14 leadership was especially vital following the arson fire in 2007
15 that damaged the historic home once owned by former President
16 George H. W. Bush, which stands on the museum grounds; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. England has also devoted herself to assisting
18 children and the elderly during her 56 years as an Odessa resident;
19 she served as president of the Austin Elementary School PTA for
20 three years and was appointed to the Ector County Child Welfare
21 Board and the Tri-Ethnic Committee of the Ector County Independent
22 School District; she advocated for the young, the elderly, and the
23 arts both locally and statewide as a volunteer in the political
24 arena; and

1 WHEREAS, A licensed social worker, Ms. England is certified
2 as a family life educator by the National Council of Family
3 Relations and has many years' experience as a social worker in
4 hospice and long-term care; she served as a member of the public
5 policy committee of the Texas Association of Homes and Services for
6 the Aging; moreover, she founded the Midland Odessa chapter of the
7 Compassionate Friends support group for the bereaved; with degrees
8 in psychology, education, and history, she has served as a
9 continuing education instructor at Midland and Odessa College and
10 as a guest lecturer in the sociology department of The University of
11 Texas of the Permian Basin; she has also served on the board of the
12 Permian Playhouse and was instrumental in obtaining a grant to
13 support the playhouse; and

14 WHEREAS, Through her myriad endeavors, this dynamic Texan has
15 made Odessa a better place to live and work, and it is indeed a
16 pleasure to recognize her; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby honor Lettie England for her contributions to her community
19 and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Ms. England as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.