

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Mitzi Jo Hopper Ziegner has been honored by the YWCA  
2 of Lubbock with a Women of Excellence Award for her remarkable  
3 achievements in the fields of education and religion, and her  
4 selection for this tribute is most fitting; and

5           WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award was created in 1989 to  
6 emphasize the vital roles that women play in both the civic and  
7 professional worlds, honoring women for their achievements and for  
8 their contributions to the community as leaders and volunteers; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Ziegner has dedicated her professional life to  
10 improving the quality of education for elementary students; a 1995  
11 cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University, she earned a  
12 bachelor's degree in human development and family studies and went  
13 on to earn a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a  
14 reading and early childhood specialization from Wayland Baptist  
15 University; she also completed extensive postgraduate professional  
16 development courses and training in areas that include effectively  
17 teaching children in poverty, positive classroom instruction and  
18 discipline, gifted and talented education, and dyslexia  
19 intervention; and

20           WHEREAS, Beginning her career in 1998 as a Head Start teacher  
21 at Ballenger Early Childhood Center, Ms. Ziegner later worked as a  
22 second-grade teacher at Nat Williams Elementary; while holding a  
23 teaching position, she served as a part-time early childhood  
24 education instructor at Texas Tech University and a cooperating

1 teacher and mentor for student teachers and lab and practicum  
2 students; and

3         WHEREAS, A woman of extraordinary talent and energy, Ms.  
4 Ziegner currently holds three positions at Texas Tech University:  
5 she is a full-time early childhood and elementary education  
6 instructor and university supervisor in the Colleges of Education  
7 and Human Sciences; she serves as an adjunct instructor in the  
8 distance-learning program; and she is an independent educational  
9 trainer, guest lecturer, and consultant for Texas Tech's Early Head  
10 Start Program, the Christine DeVitt and Helen DeVitt Jones Child  
11 Development Research Center, and the Lubbock, Lubbock-Cooper, and  
12 Frenship Independent School Districts; and

13         WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, Ms. Ziegner has made  
14 valuable leadership contributions to education; an active  
15 supporter of the Lubbock Independent School District, she has  
16 worked on numerous committees and councils; after earning an  
17 honorary membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron, the College of Human  
18 Sciences honor society, she was named that organization's faculty  
19 advisor, and she has generously assisted the College of Human  
20 Sciences and its alumni association; and

21         WHEREAS, In recognition of her influence and actions to  
22 improve the quality of elementary education, she was honored as the  
23 2004 Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences Distinguished  
24 Alumni New Achiever; and

25         WHEREAS, Ms. Ziegner also shares her time with the Junior  
26 League of Lubbock; an executive board member, she has served the  
27 group as public relations chair, publicity chair, and member of the

1 2008-2009 Nominating Committee; and

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

7           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby congratulate Mitzi Jo Hopper Ziegner on receiving a 2009  
9 Women of Excellence Award from the YWCA of Lubbock and extend to her  
10 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
11 further

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

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Rand Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Strawn  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 144 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Robert Nancy  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 144 was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

Daisy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 30 MAY '09

Date

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Governor

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