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Odessa College commencement to take place Dec. 12

ODESSA (Dec. 8, 2008) – Odessa College will honor more than 115 graduate candidates in 36 degree programs at the fall 2008 graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at the OC Sports Center. Guest speaker, Tryon Lewis, District 81 state representative, will address the graduates.

Born in Kermit, Lewis graduated from Permian High School. He attended Odessa College, the University of Texas at Austin and Baylor Law School.

Prior to being elected District 81 state representative, he practiced law as a partner in the firm of Atkins, Hollmann, Jones, Peacock, Lewis & Lyon and previously served as state district judge of the 161st district for 21 years. Lewis volunteers his time serving as founder and president of the Ector County Men's Republican Club and is a member of the Odessa Rotary Club. Lewis has served as president of the Ector County Bar Association and the Odessa Cultural Council and on the boards of Meals on Wheels, Permian Playhouse, ECISD Education Foundation and the state board of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. He has been married to his wife, Trudy, for 35 years and they have two daughters, Eleanor and Annie.

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