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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Richardson is 2 presenting candidate forums on April 17 and 20, 2023, in advance of 3 the May 6 general election; and

WHEREAS, The organization is partnering with the Richardson Independent School District on April 17 for a public discussion among candidates for two contested school board races; the group is coordinating with the City of Richardson to host its April 20 event, which will provide an opportunity to hear from candidates for the mayoral seat and three of six city council seats; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters was formed in 1920 with 10 11 the merger of the National Council of Women Voters and the National 12 American Women's Suffrage Association; its initial aim was to assist newly enfranchised women seeking to exercise their right to 13 14 vote; as a nonpartisan, grassroots organization, it strives to empower citizens of all backgrounds to participate in the political 15 16 sphere, and it has widened its vision to foster a more inclusive democracy in which all Americans can see themselves represented in 17 our government; and 18

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1962, the Richardson chapter works tirelessly to provide election information to voters through nonpartisan voters guides as well as candidate forums; it also conducts voter registration drives and produces a local Guide to Elected Officials; in addition, it studies public policy issues, such as land use, education, public health services, and the local

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1 city charter, and develops a consensus; it has championed many 2 reforms over the years, from unified polling places and televised 3 city council meetings to better regulation of child care 4 facilities, expansion of city parks, and inclusion in the Dallas 5 Area Rapid Transit Rail System; and

6 WHEREAS, An informed citizenry is vital to the continued 7 strength of our democracy, and for more than six decades, the League 8 of Women Voters of Richardson has helped area residents gain the 9 knowledge and insight required to participate more meaningfully in 10 our electoral process; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 12 Legislature hereby honor the League of Women Voters of Richardson 13 on the occasion of its April 2023 candidate forums and extend to its 14 members sincere best wishes for continued success in their 15 important endeavors; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 17 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 933 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House