

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 466

WHEREAS, The Dallas Bar Association, the first bar association to incorporate in the State of Texas, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

WHEREAS, In 1873, the Dallas Bar Association was formed by a group of 40 attorneys during an era of substantial growth for the city of Dallas; the organization remained without a formal headquarters until 1937, when a small space in the Old Red Courthouse was reserved for this purpose; a decade later, the DBA made history with its incorporation, and an effort to secure a building for the association's new headquarters culminated in 1955, when it opened offices, meeting facilities, and a dining room on the lobby floor of the Adolphus Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Dallas Bar Association is an 11,000-member-strong organization that is dedicated to serving and supporting the legal profession in Dallas and promoting good relations among lawyers, judges, and the public; the DBA offers its members myriad opportunities to develop their careers, network with other professionals, and give back to their community, and it has made a positive impact by offering pro bono services to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, Since the 1950s, the DBA has benefited low-income clients through its Lawyer Referral Service and the Dallas Legal Aid Society, and the legacy of these two organizations continues through the organization's modern-day charitable efforts; in partnership with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, the DBA hosts an annual fundraising drive called the Equal Access to Justice

Campaign, which supports its efforts to provide civil legal aid to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Bar Association has contributed greatly to the integrity and advancement of the legal profession and to the cause of equal justice for all citizens, and the organization enjoys a well-deserved reputation for excellence through its record of service over the course of a century and a half; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Dallas Bar Association and extend to its leadership and members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Johnson, Parker, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 26, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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