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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Today, the Dallas Bar Association is an
14 11,000-member-strong organization that is dedicated to serving and
15 supporting the legal profession in Dallas and promoting good
16 relations among lawyers, judges, and the public; the DBA offers its
17 members myriad opportunities to develop their careers, network with
18 other professionals, and give back to their community, and it has
19 made a positive impact by offering pro bono services to residents in
20 need; and

21 WHEREAS, Since the 1950s, the DBA has benefited low-income
22 clients through its Lawyer Referral Service and the Dallas Legal
23 Aid Society, and the legacy of these two organizations continues
24 through the organization's modern-day charitable efforts; in

1 partnership with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, the DBA hosts an
2 annual fundraising drive called the Equal Access to Justice
3 Campaign, which supports its efforts to provide civil legal aid to
4 the community; and

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas Senate.