

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 638**

**WHEREAS**, The Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women is celebrating its 100th anniversary in November 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW was founded in 1881, when a small group of female college graduates banded together with the goal of promoting women's career advancement and encouraging more women to pursue higher education; the organization's mission is to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy, and it has supported the academic achievements of many thousands of women scholars throughout its history; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1923, the Austin Branch of AAUW was organized at the Driskill Hotel by 15 women, including prominent leaders in the civic, religious, and cultural life of the city; over the course of a century, the Austin Branch has distinguished itself as a force for good in the community by forming partnerships with organizations such as the Austin Public Library Association, the Community Council of Austin, the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, and the Texas Freedom Network and participating in such endeavors as the March of Dimes campaign, the College Faculty Program, and the environmental coalition We Care Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Early in its history, the Austin Branch was involved in the founding of the city's first public library, and it was integral to the establishment of a Well Baby Clinic and the Chalmers Nursery School; moreover, the branch's members have taken part in charitable initiatives to provide food and clothing to residents in need and to improve conditions at Brackenridge Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, The Austin Branch created an endowment fund that has been used to award fellowships to doctoral students at The University of Texas, as well as an endowed scholarship for female students enrolled at Austin Community College; the branch has also sponsored Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics, a conference for middle school girls, and a host of other symposia, workshops, and events with the purpose of fostering dialogue on important issues such as educational and pay equity; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW's Austin Branch is aligned with its trailblazing parent organization in its efforts to build a more equitable society and to empower women in all walks of life, and it is a pleasure to join its members in commemorating this special milestone in the organization's proud history; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the centennial of the Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate