

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 753

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston East End Lions Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, which is being celebrated on May 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Lions Club is a worldwide volunteer organization of nearly 1.4 million members, who are dedicated to leadership development through community service, and who undertake numerous projects to help the needy; much of the emphasis of their work centers on the prevention of blindness, drug abuse prevention, and diabetes awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Houston East End Lions Club was chartered on May 10, 1928, by a group of caring citizens who wanted to help the less fortunate in their community; organized at the start of the Great Depression, club members faced great need and few resources, but the club survived because of the perseverance of its dedicated members; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining the club during World War II was a challenge, as many members were away serving their country and money was scarce; over the years, however, the club flourished and has carried out many projects to raise funds and to help other organizations; it has collected funds for hurricane victims and has supported Boy Scout troops; its projects have included sales of a wide array of items from light bulbs to turkeys, and it has sponsored auctions, bingo parties, carnivals, and gift-collection drives; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, a volunteer worker in local elementary schools pointed out the need of poor children for eye

care; some members of the club spearheaded a program to help those children, and the club became committed to its outstanding service in the field of eye care, for which it is now noted; and

WHEREAS, Members of the East End Lions Club have been generous supporters of Eyes of Texas Eye Bank, the Leader Dog Program, the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Lions Diabetic Camp, the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, and numerous other programs, scholarships, and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, The Houston East End Lions Club has made countless contributions to the improvement of its community and the betterment of the citizens of Houston, and it deserves legislative recognition on the occasion of its anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate members of the Houston East End Lions Club on its 75th anniversary and extend best wishes to all for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate