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H.R. No. 302

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Ministers' Wives and  
2 Ministers' Widows gathered in the Alamo City for its annual  
3 conference on February 17-18, 2006; and

4           WHEREAS, Hosted by the San Antonio membership, participants  
5 opened their yearly meeting with a welcome and worship service at  
6 Lilly of the Valley Missionary Baptist Church; and

7           WHEREAS, "Keeping the Vision Going: Reaching Out, Reclaiming  
8 and Retaining" was chosen as the 2006 theme for the Lone Star State  
9 group, which was chartered in June 1988 by the International  
10 Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc.; and

11           WHEREAS, Since the creation of the Texas affiliate, chapters  
12 have been founded in El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Austin,  
13 Midland-Odessa, Corpus Christi, Waco, and Wichita Falls, and women  
14 from Dallas and Edna have also participated in the meetings and work  
15 of the association; Austin served as the site of the initial state  
16 conference in 1990, and chapters in El Paso and Houston sent the  
17 first Texas representatives to attend an international meeting; and

18           WHEREAS, The key words "Love, Faith, and Prayer" are included  
19 on the seal of the international association, reminding the  
20 interdenominational membership of their high purpose; committed to  
21 building a better world, the women of the Texas organization give  
22 generously of their time, talents, and resources in support of the  
23 Children's Defense Fund, the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the  
24 United Negro College Fund, and scholarships for Texas youth; and

1           WHEREAS, Since 1988, wives and widows of Texas ministers have  
2 made a positive difference in the quality of life for countless  
3 individuals, and it is a distinct pleasure to join in honoring this  
4 respected organization; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all those  
7 associated with the Texas Association of Ministers' Wives and  
8 Ministers' Widows on the organization's innumerable contributions  
9 in behalf of the Lone Star State and extend to them best wishes for  
10 the future; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.