

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of All Aro (USA) are gathering in Dallas
2 for their ninth annual convention from May 27 through May 30, 2005,
3 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to take note of the
4 goals and accomplishments of this noteworthy organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Aros are originally from the ancestral city of
6 Arochukwu, an Igbo settlement located in the southeastern region of
7 present-day Nigeria; before the arrival of European settlers, the
8 Aros developed a highly organized and progressive city structure,
9 supported by a hierarchy of priests and chiefs who served one god,
10 Ibini Ukpabi; and

11 WHEREAS, Highly respected across eastern Nigeria, Aro men
12 were considered sacred beings, and they were protected from
13 warriors and looters and allowed to travel freely to establish
14 trade centers around the region; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, with a total population of nearly 100,000
16 inhabitants, Arochukwu includes 19 villages within three kindreds,
17 which maintain their own distinct cultural heritage; Aro Ajalli,
18 Aro Ndizuogu, and more than 170 communities in Nigeria and other
19 countries around the world identify as Aros and seek to preserve the
20 honor and prestige of their ancestry; and

21 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Mazi Jideofor Oji as
22 executive president, Mazi Damian Orji as vice president, Mazi Micky
23 O. Ukoha as general secretary, Mazi Oke Okereke as financial
24 secretary, and Mazi Valentine Emesih as treasurer, the Aros have

1 completed a medical clinic in Arochukwu and staged a five-day free
2 medical mission for the neediest and most vulnerable members; and

3 WHEREAS, Many Aros have settled in the United States, and
4 they have formed All Aro (USA); with chapters in 10 major cities
5 across the country, the members seek to sustain their traditions
6 according to the vision of one of their elders, Mazi S. O. Onwukwe,
7 who emphasized effective organization, internal peace, personal
8 and unselfish sacrifices, effective management of resources, a well
9 laid out program of development, peaceful coexistence, continuous
10 research and development, and preservation of Aro culture; and

11 WHEREAS, By articulating clear cultural, historical, and
12 economic strategies, All Aro (USA) ably serves the needs of its
13 members, who seek to preserve a rich history and prepare for a
14 bright future; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor the members of All Aro (USA) on the
17 occasion of their 2005 National Convention in Dallas and extend to
18 them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the members of All Aro (USA) as an expression of high
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.