

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 264

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to declare Wednesday, March 2, 2005, Hadassah Legislative Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is the largest Jewish and largest women's membership organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah hospitals Mount Scopus and Ein Karem and Hadassah clinics throughout Israel provide state-of-the-art health care to all who enter their doors, regardless of race or religion, and serve as models of peaceful coexistence in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah's many contributions to the cause of health care in the United States have included health education programs on breast cancer, osteoporosis, and stem cell research; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah began its nationwide efforts in this country by selling \$200 million in United States World War II bonds; it is vigorously engaged in civic activities such as voter registration drives, Jewish education and communal concerns, and grassroots advocacy on United States-Israel relations; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah provides assistance to those most in need through volunteer work in literacy programs and domestic violence shelters; the organization is known for humanitarian relief, which recently included aid to the victims of the tsunami disaster in Asia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of Hadassah, Greater Southwest Region, for their many contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes for a successful Hadassah Legislative Day; and, be it further

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

Barrientos, Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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