

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1137

WHEREAS, Rotary International is an organization of business and professional people who work to better the lives of those in need, who promote high ethical standards in all vocations, and who help build goodwill and peace throughout the world; today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians in over 32,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Austin was formed on June 2, 1913, and will celebrate its 95th anniversary in 2008; it is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing Rotary International motto is "Service Above Self," and the motto for the year 2007-2008 will be "Rotary Shares," in reference to its members sharing of their time, talents, expertise, and money to successfully carry out humanitarian and social projects; and

WHEREAS, Rotary members share their compassion, enthusiasm, and commitment to help those in need; they make the world a better place in which to live through their passion for service; and

WHEREAS, In following the theme "Rotary Shares," the Rotary Club of Austin is sponsoring its inaugural "Service Austin" project on November 17, 2007; the project will involve enlisting volunteers from the Rotary Club of Austin and other Austin service clubs, schools, colleges, universities, public officials, firemen, policemen, churches, chambers of commerce, the health care community, and other organizations and individuals to contribute their time on this day to improve public parks, school grounds, or buildings or other clean-up, fix-up projects for nonprofit organizations and churches across Austin; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit entities, schools, and other groups may seek to have their project chosen as the "Service Austin" project by applying for the work to be done and have their project approved in advance; and

WHEREAS, The type of community assistance being sought for carrying out the project is demonstrated by Saint Edward's University's Capstone Project; the university's students are designing a website for the Rotary Club of Austin's "Service Austin" project; and

WHEREAS, The goal of "Service Austin" is to bring people of Austin together to help one another to build better business and community relations and to help make Austin a better place to live by showing that all people of goodwill can work together with positive, long-term results; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Rotary Club of Austin for its initiative and leadership and extend appreciation to its members for creating the "Service Austin" project; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Rotary Club of Austin with best regards for a highly successful "Service Austin" project.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate