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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Rites of Passage Program for Girls is hosting
- 2 its third biennial Women of Wisdom banquet on February 28, 2009, in
- 3 Dallas; and
- WHEREAS, Established in 1998, Rites of Passage Program for
- 5 Girls is a nonprofit organization that offers a seven-year training
- 6 and development program for young women beginning in the sixth
- 7 grade; ROPP for Girls operates with a mission to affirm the positive
- 8 aspects of passing from childhood to adulthood and to instill in its
- 9 participants strong character traits and moral standards; the
- 10 program emphasizes community involvement, cultural appreciation,
- 11 healthy lifestyle choices, and the importance of self-esteem; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The Women of Wisdom banquet honors five women who
- 13 have made significant contributions to the Dallas community
- 14 throughout their lives; proceeds from the event will offset the
- 15 travel expenses of junior and senior level ROPP participants to
- 16 attend a two-week, educational and service-oriented trip to Ghana,
- 17 West Africa, during summer 2009; and
- 18 WHEREAS, ROPP for Girls is a noteworthy program that
- 19 encourages good citizenship, compassion, and service, and its
- 20 efforts are helping to ensure a bright future for many young Texans;
- 21 now, therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby commemorate the Women of Wisdom banquet and
- 24 extend to all those associated with Rites of Passage Program for

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- 1 Girls sincere best wishes for a memorable and successful event;
- 2 and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for ROPP for Girls as an expression of high regard by the
- 5 Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 609 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House