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H.R. No. 1310

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the Zonta Club of Brownsville for its 50 years of
3 dedication to community service and to the advancement of women
4 leaders in Brownsville; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of Zonta International, the Zonta Club of
6 Brownsville was chartered in November of 1959 and was composed of
7 women who were recognized as leaders in their businesses and
8 professions; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of Zonta International is to improve the
10 legal, political, economic, educational, and professional status
11 of women; Zonta service clubs strive to carry out this mission and
12 to foster high ethical standards and implement local service
13 programs that benefit their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Zonta Club of Brownsville hosts fund-raisers and
15 participates in numerous charitable causes; in the early days, the
16 club financed a scholarship fund to help young girls obtain a
17 nursing degree and held tea and style shows that became annual
18 public relations events; in the 1980s, the club began its tradition
19 of selecting a Woman of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1990, stamping out illiteracy was the theme of
21 the Brownsville Zontians, and since then, great progress has been
22 made in that area; during the 1990s, the club began serving one meal
23 a month to the needy at the Good Neighbor Settlement House; the club
24 was also instrumental in the creation of a shelter for battered

1 women and children; and

2 WHEREAS, The club's fund-raisers include golf tournaments
3 and the annual, well-attended Christmas Tour of Homes; the club has
4 awarded scholarships to high school students and gives service
5 awards to organizations that pursue goals that further the club's
6 mission; in October of 2009, the club is hosting the 62nd Annual
7 District 10 Conference, an event that attracts 200 to 300 Zontians
8 from the club's five-state district; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the Zonta Club of Brownsville on its
11 valuable contributions to the Brownsville community and on its
12 loyal work on behalf of Zonta International and extend
13 congratulations to its members on the club's 50th anniversary; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.