

By: Truitt

H.R. No. 1485

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2008 marked the 100th anniversary of the
2 founding of the Bay View Club of Grapevine; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. D. M. O'Neal and her sister, Mrs. M. R. Keene,
4 gathered with friends on September 8, 1908, for the purpose of
5 forming a women's literary club that they named after the *Bay View*
6 *Magazine*, a Michigan-based publication; while membership in the Bay
7 View Club has been limited to 20 or so individuals at a time, 143
8 names have appeared on its roll books over the past century; many of
9 the participants are related to one another, with the club
10 tradition having been passed down through generations of several
11 area families; certain members have belonged to the club for a
12 quarter-century, and five women have been active in the
13 organization for 50 years or more; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Bay View Club has been
15 guided by a clearly stated objective: "to stimulate knowledge and
16 love of good literature and to further the intellectual growth and
17 culture of its members"; the group meets for monthly lunches,
18 during which members discuss topics relating to that year's
19 designated theme of study; and

20 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Bay View Club revere the
21 history of their organization and the legacy of camaraderie that
22 was handed down to them by the club's 19 charter members; they
23 uphold a motto expressed in the words of author George Eliot: "What
24 do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each

1 other"; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, the Bay View Club has
3 enriched many lives, and the organization continues to bring
4 together members who share an intellectual curiosity and an
5 enduring appreciation of literature; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the Bay View Club of Grapevine on its 100th
8 anniversary and extend warmest best wishes to its members for
9 continued friendship and joy in reading; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Bay View Club of Grapevine as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.