

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1629

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Greater Dallas Section of the National Council
2 of Jewish Women has been at the forefront of community leadership
3 and social activism in Dallas for nearly a century; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1913, the section today is composed of
5 some 1,200 members who volunteer thousands of hours each year to
6 further the welfare of children, women, the elderly, and families
7 and to advance the cause of social justice; and

8 WHEREAS, The pressing needs of the day have regularly called
9 forth a determined response from this exceptional organization,
10 from providing home-front support during two World Wars to caring
11 for child refugees from Nazi Germany, working to foster interracial
12 understanding, and helping immigrants to achieve citizenship and
13 integrate into American society; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of the projects begun by the Dallas group have
15 become ongoing endeavors or else served as precursors of
16 present-day programs; these include the hot lunch and after-school
17 programs for schoolchildren, the provision of free milk and baby
18 formula, programs to screen for infant hearing problems and to
19 enhance infant brain development, an advocacy program for foster
20 children that evolved into Dallas CASA, and a program to support
21 children who may need to testify in court in felony child abuse
22 cases; in addition, the section introduced the Home Instruction for
23 Parents of Preschool Youngsters program, an initiative to boost
24 academic achievement that has since been adopted by a number of area

1 school districts, and pioneered an adult literacy program that now
2 ranks as one of the largest and most widely respected in the
3 country; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past five years, the Dallas section has
5 raised more than \$1 million and distributed those funds to over 40
6 projects in the Metroplex; at the same time, the organization
7 continues its efforts to educate area citizens about significant
8 issues and to develop the skills of community leaders; its own
9 members have served on numerous city boards and commissions and on
10 the city council, and three have held the office of Dallas mayor;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Inspired by Jewish values and committed to
13 progressive social action, the women of the Dallas section of the
14 NCJW have helped secure for countless individuals the hope of a
15 brighter, more promising future, and their far-reaching civic
16 engagement is leaving an indelible imprint on a major city of the
17 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor the Greater Dallas Section of the National
20 Council of Jewish Women for their distinguished community service
21 and extend to them sincere appreciation for their exemplary public
22 spirit; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the section as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.