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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For almost 50 years, the League of Women Voters of
2 Richardson has fostered participation in the democratic process and
3 empowered citizens to improve their community; and

4 WHEREAS, A group of about 50 Richardson women convened in
5 1961 to form a provisional chapter of the League of Women Voters,
6 the national nonpartisan political organization established in
7 1920; as required, prospective members in Richardson spent their
8 first year studying every aspect of their small but growing city,
9 and in 1962, they were recognized as an official chapter; two of the
10 founding members still belong to the League of Women Voters of
11 Richardson, and one of them serves today as vice president of the
12 board; and

13 WHEREAS, In keeping with the mission and goals of the
14 national organization, the Richardson chapter of the league
15 conducts voter registration drives and provides information to
16 educate voters about the issues and candidates in local elections;
17 the organization does not endorse or oppose candidates, but rather
18 produces candidate forums and public programs on a wide variety of
19 topics, featuring guest speakers with special knowledge and
20 expertise; like other chapters across our nation, it provides the
21 *Guide to Elected Officials* and *Voters Guide*, and in recent years, it
22 has used its website to make information accessible to a greater
23 number of residents; and

24 WHEREAS, Members of the Richardson chapter have worked for a

1 better quality of life through their advocacy of solutions to
2 public policy issues based on intensive study and pursuit of
3 consensus; through the years, they have researched such matters as
4 land use, education, public health services, and the city charter
5 and have championed numerous improvements, among them unified
6 polling places, the city's inclusion in the Dallas Area Rapid
7 Transit Rail System, better regulation of child care facilities,
8 implementation of citywide recycling, expansion of public parks,
9 televising city council meetings, and raising the ratio of nursing
10 and counseling staff to students in public schools; and

11 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Richardson has long
12 been a source of vital information and a catalyst for civic
13 advancement, and its members can indeed take pride in the important
14 role they play in elevating the public discourse and promoting
15 active participation in government; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend the League of Women Voters of Richardson
18 and extend to its members best wishes for continued success; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.