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H.R. No. 2782

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston chapter of Hadassah has benefited the
2 community in myriad ways over the past 90 years, and it is indeed
3 fitting to honor the long service of this notable organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in New York in 1912 by the Daughters of Zion,
5 this women's volunteer organization was named after the biblical
6 heroine Esther, whose Hebrew name was Hadassah; its mission was to
7 promote the Zionist ideal through education, public health
8 initiatives, and the training of nurses in the Palestine District
9 of the Ottoman rule; chapters soon opened in Baltimore, Cleveland,
10 Chicago, and Boston, and the Houston chapter was founded in 1919;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Hadassah today supports health care, education, and
13 youth institutions in Israel, and it seeks to enhance the quality of
14 American and Jewish life in the U.S. through its education and youth
15 programs, promotion of health awareness, and personal enrichment
16 opportunities; the organization has a nationwide membership of
17 300,000, and the Houston chapter, with 3,500 members, is the
18 largest Jewish women's organization in the city, drawing members
19 from a broad geographic area and encompassing 16 groups with unique
20 interests; and

21 WHEREAS, Through their dedication to the greater good,
22 members of the Houston chapter of Hadassah have made a positive
23 difference in their community and beyond, and it is a pleasure to
24 recognize the organization's long history of service; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Houston chapter of Hadassah for its
4 contributions to the community and extend to its members sincere
5 best wishes for continued success with their important work; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.