

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 563

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the El Paso del Norte region YWCA on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The El Paso del Norte region YWCA was founded in 1909 with an employment bureau and lunchroom for working women and expanded the following year to include a 52-bed residence for young women; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, this exemplary organization has made a difference in the lives of countless people; it directed the only relief school in Texas during the Great Depression, and it participated in the campaign against discrimination when the national body established its Office of Racial Justice in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Today, this respected organization continues its quest for social justice in all its programs and services, exemplifying the national YWCA's call to work for the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism; and

WHEREAS, The El Paso del Norte region YWCA offers a diverse scope of programs and services, including day care centers, summer camps, racial justice seminars, programs that help children deal with the effects of divorce, and credit counseling services; this exceptional organization is truly deserving of recognition for its many contributions to the El Paso community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the El Paso del Norte region YWCA on its 100-year legacy of social justice efforts and success in improving the lives of women and children and extend best wishes for a memorable 100th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate