

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 607**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Zonta Club of Brownsville for its 50 years of dedication to community service and the advancement of women leaders in Brownsville; and

**WHEREAS,** A member of Zonta International, the Zonta Club of Brownsville was chartered in November of 1959 and was composed of women who were recognized as leaders in their businesses and professions; and

**WHEREAS,** The mission of Zonta International is to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, and professional status of women; Zonta service clubs strive to carry out this mission and to foster high ethical standards and implement local service programs that benefit their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Zonta Club of Brownsville hosts fund-raisers and participates in numerous charitable causes; in the early days, the club financed a scholarship fund to help young girls obtain a nursing degree and held tea and style shows that became an annual public relations event; in the 1980s, the club began its tradition of selecting a Woman of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1990, stamping out illiteracy was the theme of the Brownsville Zontians, and since then, great progress has been made in that area; during the 1990s, the club began serving one meal a month to the needy at the Good Neighbor Settlement House; the club was also instrumental in the creation of a shelter for battered women and children; and

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**WHEREAS,** The club's fund-raisers include golf tournaments and the annual, well-attended Christmas Tour of Homes; the club has awarded scholarships to high school students and gives service awards to organizations that pursue goals that further the club's mission; in October of 2009, the club is hosting the 62nd Annual District 10 Conference, an event that attracts 200 to 300 Zontians from the club's five-state district; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Zonta Club of Brownsville on its valuable contributions to the Brownsville community and on its loyal work on behalf of Zonta International and extend congratulations to its members on the club's 50th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Zonta Club of Brownsville.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 14, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate