

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1023

WHEREAS, The University Interscholastic League is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The organization traces its roots back to June 7, 1909, when The University of Texas Board of Regents voted funds for the creation of an extension bureau; this led to the establishment of two programs, the Debating League of Texas High Schools and the Interscholastic Athletic Association, which merged in 1913 to form the University Interscholastic League; and

WHEREAS, Now operating under the vice president for community and school relations, the University Interscholastic League is the largest organization of its kind in the nation; providing Texas high school students with opportunities for competition in academics, athletics, and music, the organization oversees extracurricular contests in a wide array of fields; by fostering a natural desire to excel, the competitions encourage students to hone their talents and cultivate skills that will forever enrich their lives; involvement in the University Interscholastic League also helps young people to develop such invaluable traits as self-confidence, self-discipline, perseverance, and a sense of fair play; and

WHEREAS, By the time Texas high school seniors graduate, approximately half of them have participated in an event sponsored by the University Interscholastic League, and those who have shared in that experience include Lyndon B. Johnson, Ann Richards, Barbara Jordan, Earl Campbell, Bill Moyers, and Sandra Day O'Connor; moreover, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has presented scholarships to gifted students taking

part in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet for some five decades; today, the foundation annually awards more than a million dollars in grants to over 600 students who will be attending colleges and universities in Texas; and

WHEREAS, At its centennial, the University Interscholastic League remains an institution of immeasurable importance to students in Texas public schools, and it is a privilege to recognize its continuing role in shaping the future leaders of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the University Interscholastic League and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success in all their endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the University Interscholastic League.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate