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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of Village Republican Women in Houston are

2 celebrating the 50th anniversary of their club on April 11, 2011;

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WHEREAS, Founded as the Precinct 273 Republican Women's Club,

5 this noteworthy organization was chartered as a member of the Texas

6 Federation of Republican Women in 1961 under the new name of Village

7 Republican Women; from an initial membership of 14, it has grown to

8 become one of the largest Republican women's clubs in the Houston

9 area, and its members have held leadership roles in the TFRW and the

10 Greater Houston Council of Federated Women; and

11 WHEREAS, Participants in Village Republican Women give

generously of their time, talents, and financial resources to

support campaigns at the state and local levels, and many have been

14 involved in national campaigns and issues as well; among other

15 endeavors, they have distributed campaign literature, hosted

16 candidate forums, staffed telephone banks, and participated in

17 block walks; the organization places a strong emphasis on voter

18 registration, and members have gone door-to-door and set up tables

19 at shopping centers and neighborhood festivals over the years to

20 help citizens register to vote; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition, VRW members have taken part in numerous

22 endeavors to benefit the community; the club has assisted in

23 literacy efforts, including the Reading is Fundamental program in

24 the Spring Branch Independent School District, Reach Out and Read,

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- 1 and the Dictionary Project, which is sponsored by the National
- 2 Federation of Republican Women; members have also sponsored teams
- 3 in the Race for the Cure, collected and distributed reading
- 4 material to hospitals and retirement homes, and worked in behalf of
- 5 the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston; supporting the men and
- 6 women of the armed forces, they have contributed to the Wounded
- 7 Warrior Project, Operation Uplink, and Operation Interdependence,
- 8 and they have prepared many care packages for troops deployed
- 9 abroad; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Over the past half-century, members of Village
- 11 Republican Women have made a lasting difference in their city and
- 12 beyond through their grassroots activism and community service, and
- 13 they may take justifiable pride in their rich history of civic
- 14 engagement; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby congratulate Village Republican Women on the
- 17 occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend to all those associated
- 18 with the group sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 21 prepared for Village Republican Women as an expression of high
- 22 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1232 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House