

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 746

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club on the occasion of its 95th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1916, the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club is the world's oldest continuously operating Lions Club; it represents District 2-S3 for Lions Club International, which is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Drawing on Helen Keller's 1925 call to be "Knights of the Blind," Lions Clubs have throughout their history been best known for fighting blindness; the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club has steadfastly pursued this goal through its sponsorship of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank and its support of such organizations as the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Leader Dogs for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club has developed a close association with the concept of public recreation and community beautification in the city; its members built Lions Municipal Golf Course and donated it to the city, and the organization played a vital role in the creation of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club has for 95 years served the community with dedication and commitment, and it is truly deserving of recognition for its exemplary work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Austin Downtown Founder Lions Club on its many outstanding contributions to the community and extend to its members best wishes for a memorable 95th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate