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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Houston Young Lawyers Association is
celebrating its 75th anniversary with a special event on February
28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1937 as the Houston Junior Bar Association, the HYLA was organized to give young attorneys a place to meet and exchange ideas; soon thereafter, it became a part of the Houston Bar Association but converted to an independent association in the 1970s and adopted its current name; and

9 WHEREAS, When Hurricane Alicia struck Houston in 1983, the 10 HYLA instituted a disaster assistance program to provide legal help to those affected by the storm; in 1990, the group elected its first 11 12 female president, and two years later, it established a foundation to run charitable programs; the American Bar Association honored 13 14 the group in 1993 for its initiatives, which today include Internet and law seminars, aid to abused women, and youth outreach efforts; 15 16 and

WHEREAS, From its original 100 members, the HYLA has grown to nearly 2,000 employees of large and small law firms, solo practitioners, in-house counsel, attorneys in the public and nonprofit sectors, and law students; and

21 WHEREAS, The Houston Young Lawyers Association provides 22 important opportunities for its members to give back to the 23 community and to gain experience as leaders, and the organization's 24 notable history is indeed worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

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1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Houston 4 Young Lawyers Association and extend to all its members sincere 5 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the 8 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 240 was adopted by the House on February 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House