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H.R. No. 240

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Houston Young Lawyers Association is  
2 celebrating its 75th anniversary with a special event on February  
3 28, 2013; and

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

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

17           WHEREAS, From its original 100 members, the HYL A has grown to  
18 nearly 2,000 employees of large and small law firms, solo  
19 practitioners, in-house counsel, attorneys in the public and  
20 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,

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.