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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the past 47 years, the members of the
2 Richardson chapter of Altrusa International have generously
3 volunteered their time and energy to enhancing the lives of others;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1917, Altrusa
6 International is a nonprofit community service organization with
7 392 chapters in 19 countries; the Richardson chapter was organized
8 on February 16, 1966, and chartered on May 23, 1967, and by
9 dedicating themselves to doing good while developing their
10 leadership skills and making lasting friendships, the women of
11 Altrusa Richardson have compiled a nearly half-century record of
12 making meaningful contributions to their community; and

13 WHEREAS, The chapter's ongoing projects include providing
14 support for Ability House, a home for six adults with cerebral
15 palsy, and sponsoring a variety of programs and activities at
16 Terrace Elementary School in Richardson, including field trips, a
17 weekly enrichment program, a parent/child reading program, and an
18 annual Good Manners Party; and

19 WHEREAS, The members of the chapter's Seniors Committee
20 volunteer every year with the Alzheimer's Walk, help organize the
21 twice-yearly Appletree Court Auction, and organize a monthly bingo
22 game and an annual Easter tea party for the residents of Atria
23 Assisted Living Center; the members of the International Relations
24 Committee help promote World Literacy Day and cover one child's

1 school tuition through the PEP Kids sponsorship program, and they
2 initiated a pen pal exchange between Terrace Elementary and a
3 school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition, the Community Outreach Committee
5 collects donations for NETWORK of Community Ministries in
6 Richardson, sponsors an annual literacy event every October,
7 assists in the Richardson Reads One Book program, and participates
8 in the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against
9 Women each November; and

10 WHEREAS, Altrusa Richardson's work with Ability House was
11 recognized with the Ability Connection Outstanding Organization
12 Award, and for its efforts on behalf of the children at Terrace
13 Elementary, the chapter was recognized by the board of trustees of
14 the Richardson Independent School District and honored as an
15 Outstanding Group by Helping Agencies Serving Richardson; and

16 WHEREAS, Service organizations play an essential role in the
17 well-being of Texans, and for nearly half a century, the women of
18 Altrusa Richardson have made a positive difference in the world
19 around them; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Altrusa Richardson on its 47th
22 anniversary and extend to the chapter's members sincere best wishes
23 for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Altrusa Richardson as an expression of high regard by
26 the Texas House of Representatives.