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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Austin Metroplex Chapter of
2 National Women of Achievement, Inc., are celebrating their
3 organization's 25th anniversary during 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Women of Achievement is an organization
5 in which women from various professional fields come together to
6 work for the betterment of their community, the local youth, and the
7 country; connecting with the national group's principles of
8 service, leadership, and empowerment, charter members of the Austin
9 Metroplex Chapter held their first meeting at the Carver Branch
10 Library on May 12, 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, the organization has benefited from
12 the dedicated leadership of three chapter presidents, Barbara
13 Foreman, Arlene L. Youngblood, and Andrea Costley, who carries on
14 this notable tradition of service today; and

15 WHEREAS, The Austin branch now engages in a variety of
16 commendable initiatives such as awarding scholarships to deserving
17 Huston-Tillotson University students and "adopting" a family or
18 senior citizen during Thanksgiving and Christmas; members
19 volunteer to serve meals to the homeless, work with the Youth
20 Brigade for *The Villager* newspaper, and participate in health
21 fairs; moreover, the chapter partners with local organizations,
22 including the National Council of Negro Women--Austin Section and
23 Historically Black Colleges and Universities to promote the Black
24 History Bowl and the United Negro College Fund; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to these worthy civic endeavors, the
2 organization recognizes and supports African American women in all
3 stages of their careers; the Connie Yerwood Connor Profiles of
4 Prominence honor African American women who have made important
5 contributions to their professional field and the Austin community;
6 in 2008, an associated Junior Achiever Chapter met for the first
7 time, and the Austin organization continues to encourage its junior
8 members; and

9 WHEREAS, For the past quarter-century, members of the Austin
10 Metroplex Chapter of National Women of Achievement have performed
11 works of lasting benefit to the local community and beyond, and the
12 group's noteworthy accomplishments are a tribute to the dedication
13 of its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor the Austin Metroplex Chapter of National
16 Women of Achievement, Inc., on the occasion of its 25th anniversary
17 and extend sincere best wishes to its members for continued
18 success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.