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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, East Arlington Renewal marked its 30th anniversary 2 in 2012, and it is indeed appropriate to honor the members of this exceptional organization for their efforts in behalf of the 3 community; and 4 5 WHEREAS, East Arlington Renewal was formally established in 1982 by a group of industrious homeowners and business leaders with 6 7 the goal of enhancing the area's residential and retail environment; one of their first big projects was an organized 8

10 adopted it as a regular semiannual event, and in 2012, the group

11 spearheaded an antilitter campaign using the slogan "See

cleanup that generated so much public enthusiasm that the city

12 Litter . . . Pick It Up"; EAR has also successfully advocated for

13 the establishment of a department that would enforce property

14 maintenance codes and for the demolition of abandoned buildings,

15 prompting city officials to develop policies dealing with

16 substandard structures and to launch a nuisance abatement program;

17 and

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WHEREAS, The energetic volunteers of EAR tackled the issue of public safety in the 1990s, and their work was instrumental in the creation of a satellite police center and the subsequent initiation of a community-based law enforcement program; in recent years, they have teamed up with police to intervene at residential complexes where criminal activity is prevalent and have worked to promote

24 safety and tranquility; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, EAR has worked in concert
- 2 with city officials and has also marshaled support from local
- 3 churches, businesses, and first responders to raise awareness on
- 4 issues that affect quality of life in the community; other
- 5 initiatives have included a 2009 book drive, in which the group
- 6 collected more than 13,000 books and donated cash in support of the
- 7 local branch library; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The members of East Arlington Renewal have made
- 9 vital contributions to the community through beautification and
- 10 revitalization, and in so doing, they have made a positive
- 11 difference in the lives of countless area Texans; now, therefore,
- 12 be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding
- 15 of East Arlington Renewal and extend to all those associated with
- 16 the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
- 17 it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 20 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1106 was adopted by the House on April 10, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House