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H.R. No. 1106

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, East Arlington Renewal marked its 30th anniversary  
2 in 2012, and it is indeed appropriate to honor the members of this  
3 exceptional organization for their efforts in behalf of the  
4 community; and

5           WHEREAS, East Arlington Renewal was formally established in  
6 1982 by a group of industrious homeowners and business leaders with  
7 the goal of enhancing the area's residential and retail  
8 environment; one of their first big projects was an organized  
9 cleanup that generated so much public enthusiasm that the city  
10 adopted it as a regular semiannual event, and in 2012, the group  
11 spearheaded an antilitter campaign using the slogan "See  
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

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

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

13           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.