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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Rotary Club of Arlington are
2 celebrating their club's 90th anniversary on June 13, 2013, and
3 this occasion offers a welcome opportunity to honor the
4 organization and its many charitable endeavors; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1923, the Rotary Club of Arlington was
6 the first service group to be established in the city, and over the
7 years, the organization has benefited from the talented leadership
8 of many prominent individuals, including past club president and
9 former mayor Tom Vandergriff; and

10 WHEREAS, From the beginning, the club has contributed to the
11 betterment of its community; one of its initial projects was the
12 sponsorship of Arlington's first public park, Meadowbrook, which
13 opened in 1924, and it later also contributed to the development of
14 Senter Park; today, the club offers adult literacy programs to
15 Arlington residents and works with John Webb Elementary School,
16 where more than 94 percent of the students live at or below the
17 poverty level; most notably, the club provides college assistance
18 to every child graduating from Webb Elementary if that student also
19 graduates from high school; through this program, some 150 Webb
20 students have gone on to postsecondary education, reflecting a
21 college attendance rate 55 percent higher than the national rate
22 for a matching demographic; the group also provides books to the
23 Webb Elementary library as well as to each student, funds camping
24 trips for every sixth grader, and organizes cleanup days for the

1 grounds; in recognition of its outstanding work, the organization
2 received the 2012 Champions of Change Award from the White House,
3 making it one of only 10 Rotary Clubs nationwide to be granted this
4 honor; and

5 WHEREAS, The club is additionally engaged in service projects
6 in other countries; it has initiated a program to supply clean
7 drinking water to remote villages in Honduras, and it supports
8 Rotary International in its efforts to help eradicate polio around
9 the world; and

10 WHEREAS, For nine decades, members of the Rotary Club of
11 Arlington have epitomized the ideal of service that stands at the
12 heart of the Rotary mission, and they have enriched the lives of
13 countless individuals both at home and abroad; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Rotary
17 Club of Arlington and extend to its members sincere best wishes for
18 continued success; and, be it further

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