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H.R. No. 2147

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Linda W. Cohn has rendered outstanding service to
2 the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area during her two-year
3 term as president of the organization; and

4 WHEREAS, The granddaughter of a proud naturalized citizen,
5 Linda Cohn was born in Manhattan and studied government at City
6 College of New York; she later moved with her husband to Houston
7 and, while raising their three children, managed to find time in her
8 busy schedule to volunteer at the polls; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Ms. Cohn has worked
10 tirelessly to increase voter participation in the Houston area;
11 before her election as director and president of the LWV chapter in
12 2011, she served as chair of the Repast with Political Pioneers
13 event and co-chair of the voter registration committee; in that
14 role, Ms. Cohn spearheaded the group's efforts to help qualified
15 applicants complete their citizenship documents; she has also
16 partnered with other civic groups to streamline voter registration
17 at the monthly naturalization ceremonies, increasing voting
18 applications from new citizens more than tenfold; and

19 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has coauthored the league
20 publication *Handy Dandy Guide to the Election* and has cooperated
21 with Houston Media Source TV to create a monthly league-sponsored
22 program, both of which inform citizens about relevant local issues;
23 in addition, she has actively encouraged young Texans to become
24 deputy voter registrars through the organization's youth

1 engagement program; she also developed a Voter Registration Tool
2 Kit to be used by other groups, such as nursing homes and assisted
3 living facilities, who conduct independent registration drives;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Through her energetic, determined leadership, Linda
6 Cohn has encouraged countless fellow Texans to fully participate in
7 the democratic process, and her work with the league has been of
8 immeasurable benefit to her community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Linda Cohn for her service as president of
11 the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area and extend to her
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Cohn as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.