

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 227

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing the Anti-Defamation League on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This invaluable organization has spent the past century working to eradicate prejudice, racism, and bigotry of all forms; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1913 to fight the defamation of the Jewish people, the league in its early years targeted quotas limiting the admission of Jews to American colleges and universities and fought the exclusion of Jews from specific neighborhoods and professions; and

WHEREAS, In the 1930s, the league took on the mantle of fighting for American democracy; responding to the rise of fascist and nativist groups, it established a research division that monitored and exposed extremists, an operation that is still in existence today; and

WHEREAS, From the 1940s through the 1960s, the group worked particularly closely with African Americans, helping black citizens navigate the judicial and legislative systems and working to expose acts plotted by the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, the league opened offices in Israel and worked against a boycott of companies doing business with Israel; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League later launched its A World of Difference Institute and has helped innumerable students around the globe learn how to fight bias and hatred; and

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WHEREAS, This outstanding organization has spent the past century defending the downtrodden, regardless of race, creed, or religion, and it is highly deserving of praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the Anti-Defamation League on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate