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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Public-spirited citizens from across the Lone Star
2 State are gathering in Austin on April 14, 2015, to advocate for
3 women and their families during Blue Ribbon Lobby Day at the
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Led by organizers Diane Mosier, president of River
6 Oaks Area Democratic Women, Laura Allen, president of Texas
7 Democratic Women, and Tammie Hartgroves, past president of Texas
8 Democratic Women, and joined by concerned women and leaders from
9 around the state, Blue Ribbon Lobby Day was created to bring
10 attention to issues important to Texas women, including public
11 education, health care, and economic well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, During this day of action, Democratic women are
13 meeting with legislators to discuss the integral role that women
14 play in the state's economic success and the need for ensuring that
15 women have equal opportunities and that their rights are equally
16 protected in order that Texas' prosperity continue; and

17 WHEREAS, Today is also Equal Pay Day, and women and men across
18 the nation are raising awareness of the wage gap that persists
19 despite passage of the Equal Pay Act 52 years ago; women in Texas,
20 on average, earn 77 percent of what the average Anglo male earns,
21 and the disparity is even greater for many women of color, with
22 African American women earning 59 percent and Latinas 44 percent;
23 Equal Pay Day highlights the need for policies that address the real
24 causes and consequences of wage inequality; and

1 WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon Day presents an opportunity to call
2 attention to the concerns of Texas women and their families and to
3 work to make a positive difference in the Lone Star State; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 14, 2015, as Blue Ribbon Lobby
7 Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the advocates who
8 are visiting here today.