SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 353

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Dallas Chapter of Continental Societies, Incorporated, on the occasion of its 35th anniversary, which is being celebrated March 14, 2015, at the annual Mardi Gras Gala; and

WHEREAS, Continental Societies, Incorporated, is an international public service organization dedicated to the socioeconomic and cultural welfare of underprivileged children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Chapter was established by a group of women who were noted for their vision, hard work, and genuine concern for the community; due to their leadership, the chapter has served children by providing such valuable initiatives as literacy programs, food drives, health and dental screenings, and cultural and athletic outings; and

WHEREAS, This year's Mardi Gras Gala recognizes three of those dedicated founders, Vernil Mitchell, Earlene Deere, and Joan Sessoms Ford; these founders have played a vital role in seeing many of the chapter's programs come to fruition, and they continue to bring foresight, wisdom, and energy to the organization's activities; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Chapter of Continental Societies, Incorporated, has had a profound impact on the community by creating environments in which children are provided with opportunities and programs that enable them to reach their optimum potential; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Dallas Chapter of Continental Societies, Incorporated, on their commitment to public service and extend to them best wishes for a memorable 35th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this chapter as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate