

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since 2012, the Texas chapter of IGNITE has worked  
2 to empower young women to become the next generation of civic and  
3 political leaders; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded by Dr. Anne Moses with the mission of  
5 achieving gender parity in politics, IGNITE is dedicated to  
6 providing training that helps women across the country understand  
7 the important role of political leadership in effecting change,  
8 think critically about policy, and acquire skills relevant to  
9 positions in public service; and

10           WHEREAS, Established in Texas through a grant from the Boone  
11 Family Foundation, IGNITE has trained more than 3,000 young women  
12 at nearly 40 high schools, colleges, and universities in the State  
13 of Texas, and it has also registered more than 2,000 voters in the  
14 past five years; and

15           WHEREAS, IGNITE's continuing efforts to promote positive  
16 civic and political engagement are supported by more than \$1.5  
17 million in funding it has received from a host of caring donors,  
18 which in addition to the Boone Family Foundation include the Harold  
19 Simmons Foundation, the Joan Hohlt and Roger Wich Foundation, the  
20 Embrey Family Foundation, the Simmons Foundation, AT&T, the  
21 Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Association of  
22 Business, KIPP, Uplift, and several school districts in the Dallas,  
23 Fort Worth, and Houston areas; and

24           WHEREAS, By fostering in its participants the confidence and

1 skills to pursue careers in public service, IGNITE is furthering  
2 the advancement of Texas women in civic and political life, and in  
3 so doing, it is investing in the future of our communities, our  
4 state, and our nation; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor IGNITE for encouraging young women to  
7 aspire to positions of political leadership and extend to the group  
8 sincere best wishes for continued success in its important work;  
9 and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the chapter as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1122

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1122 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House