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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.