

By: González of Dallas

H.R. No. 1267

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1996, members of the Stonewall  
2 Democrats of Dallas have played an active role in supporting  
3 progressive causes and promoting the rights and interests of the  
4 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community in Dallas; and

5           WHEREAS, The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was conceived by  
6 local activists Christy Kinsler and Gary Fitzsimmons, who joined  
7 with four other individuals to lay the groundwork for the  
8 organization; it was financed primarily through the generosity of  
9 Michael Milliken during its first few years of existence, and it  
10 grew tremendously from just a small group of people to a membership  
11 that now numbers in the hundreds, including several local elected  
12 officials; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas is the  
14 single largest Democratic club in Dallas County and the  
15 third-largest chapter of the National Stonewall Democrats; under  
16 the leadership of Brandon Vance, the club continues to hold true to  
17 its mission to sensitize Democratic candidates and officeholders to  
18 the political needs of their GLBT constituents, to advance the  
19 Democratic Party's goals of economic justice and social progress,  
20 to encourage GLBT persons to take action to elect Democrats, and to  
21 maximize voter turnout in the GLBT community; and

22           WHEREAS, Through these endeavors, the members of the  
23 Stonewall Democrats of Dallas have set an outstanding example of  
24 civic engagement and political advocacy for their fellow Texans,

1 and they may reflect with great pride on all that they have  
2 accomplished over the course of their 23-year history; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas for its  
6 service to the GLBT community and extend to all those affiliated  
7 with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
8 further

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