

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 859

**WHEREAS**, Proud members of the Republican Women of Wood County are marking the 20th anniversary of their organization's founding in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 6, 1999, 10 women from the county met in the Mineola home of Margaret Hoke to form the group; they duly applied for membership in the Texas Federation of Republican Women; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization received acceptance from the TFRW and held a meeting at LaSalle Restaurant on July 8; at this gathering, the members welcomed eight more women into the club, and they began planning their first fund-raising event, a vintage fashion show and luncheon held in October; the following year, the group launched its Taste of East Texas fund-raiser, which has become a highly popular annual event; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, the Republican Women of Wood County has benefited from the dedicated leadership of a number of able presidents, and this tradition continues today under the guidance of current president Sharon Bradford of Alba; and

**WHEREAS**, The members of the Republican Women of Wood County have worked tirelessly for two decades to advance the important goals of the Republican Party, and it is truly a pleasure to recognize them for their contributions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republican Women of Wood County and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate