**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 344**

**WHEREAS**, The Young Women's Alliance is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in Austin in 1993, the organization was founded by some 20 young professional women who gathered regularly to network and exchange ideas and information concerning their business endeavors; the group grew in number, and in 1995, members wrote bylaws, incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the name Win2, and formed a board of directors and an advisory council; the following year, the board officially changed the name of the organization to the Young Women's Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, YWA has grown to include more than 500 women from many different industries and backgrounds; the alliance provides its members with a wide range of educational programs, as well as professional development and leadership opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2011, YWA has awarded over $200,000 in scholarships to women in need and given more than $60,000 in community grants to local nonprofit partners; its members have collectively volunteered over 13,000 hours at various events and have established nearly 400 mutually beneficial mentoring relationships; moreover, the organization has empowered upwards of 135 young women to lead, through its entirely volunteer-based board of directors; and

**WHEREAS**, For three decades, this outstanding organization has supported many young women in their quest to achieve their full potential, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize the alliance at this special time in its history; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Young Women's Alliance and extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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