

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

WHEREAS, For seven decades, the Women's Symphony League of Tyler has contributed immeasurably to the arts community in East Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Symphony League of Tyler was founded in 1955 by Lillie Belle Etter, Imogene Fair, Cris Selman, Zoe Talbert, and Gertrude Windsor to promote the growth and development of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra; the five women organized the charter membership of the league, which since its inception has raised millions of dollars to support ETSO and music education in the region; symphony league volunteers offer assistance at each orchestra performance, and volunteers also help provide meals and housing for musicians visiting Tyler; and

WHEREAS, Benefiting from the current leadership of president Holly Long Burke, the Women's Symphony League today counts more than 500 active members; among its initiatives, the group oversees the Junior Symphony League and awards scholarships to high school and middle school students participating in music programs and to individuals who are majoring in music at a college or university; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 70 years, the Women's Symphony League of Tyler has played an important role in educating and uniting people through the power of music, and its members, both past and present, may indeed take great pride in the cultural impact they have made across the East Texas region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th

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Legislature, hereby commend the Women's Symphony League of Tyler for its longtime contributions to music education and the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate