

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The Women's Symphony League of Tyler was founded in
5 1955 by Lillie Belle Etter, Imogene Fair, Cris Selman, Zoe Talbert,
6 and Gertrude Windsor to promote the growth and development of the
7 East Texas Symphony Orchestra; the five women organized the charter
8 membership of the league, which since its inception has raised
9 millions of dollars to support ETSO and music education in the
10 region; symphony league volunteers offer assistance at each
11 orchestra performance, and volunteers also help provide meals and
12 housing for musicians visiting Tyler; and

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

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

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1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
2 hereby commend the Women's Symphony League of Tyler for its
3 longtime contributions to music education and the East Texas
4 Symphony Orchestra and extend to all those associated with the
5 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the league as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 Senate.