

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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A Resolution honoring the Association of Junior Leagues.

WHEREAS, the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) was started in 1901 in New York City by 19-year-old socialite Mary Harriman to improve the conditions in settlement houses on New York's lower east side through programs addressing child health, nutrition, and literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League became an international organization in 1912, and now has over 295 chapters and 193,000 members dedicated to improving their communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Junior Leagues has always been exclusively educational and charitable, which has been manifested in many ways, from the sponsoring of nutrition centers and immunization programs to the promotion of women's suffrage to promotion of women's leadership, power, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League State Public Affairs Committees started in the 1930s to influence public welfare policy and the Iowa committee continues to be active and dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, there are five Junior League chapters in Iowa, in Sioux City, Des Moines, Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, and the Quad Cities, with a combined membership of over 2,000 active and sustaining

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1 members; and

2 WHEREAS, the combined efforts of the Iowa Junior
3 League chapters have resulted in the donation of
4 thousands of volunteer hours to the betterment of Iowa
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Junior League of Iowa numbers among
7 its accomplishments the construction of a child care
8 center and playgrounds, a homeless shelter, and a
9 science station; the creation of board training
10 programs and community leader programs; and many more
11 projects and programs to benefit the people of Iowa;
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13 WHEREAS, the Association of Junior Leagues
14 International is preparing for its centennial
15 celebration of 100 years of volunteer community
16 service and leadership in April 2001; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
18 That the House of Representatives honor and recognize
19 the Association of Junior Leagues International, and
20 the Iowa chapters specifically, for the past 100 years
21 of dedication, service, and continued outstanding
22 educational and charitable efforts in Iowa.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following adoption of
24 this Resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of
25 Representatives send copies to each of the five Iowa
26 chapters of the Association of Junior Leagues
27 International.

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