

By: Representative Dalby

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
TEXARKANA, INC. ON MAY 19, 2026.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the first Junior League was founded in 1901 as a charitable nonprofit organization of women and joined together with other Junior Leagues in 1921 to form an association now known as The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. is an organization of women in the Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas area whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, a group of civically minded women met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Whitmarsh to discuss the formation of an organization that would become the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc., and later held a charter luncheon and elected officers on February 26, 1926; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. patterned its constitution on the constitution of the Association of Junior Leagues of America with the intention of becoming part of that organization, and subsequently achieved that goal in 1947; and



WHEREAS, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. has made countless positive impacts across its local community for one hundred (100) years through projects such as the establishment of a pediatric dental clinic providing free services to children in need in the 1920s, providing prenatal and hospital care free of cost to women in need in the 1930s, having members serve as volunteers at St. Michael's and Wadley hospitals and leading the formation of the Wadley Hospital Auxiliary in the 1950s, providing funding for the Wadley Hospital Research Laboratory in the 1960s, providing drug prevention programs to children during the 1970s and 1980s, establishing the Children's Dental Clinic and providing free services to children in need during the 1990s, and through providing financial support and countless hours of volunteer support to non-profit organizations in the region throughout the history of the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc.;

WHEREAS, members of the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. have adopted and supported numerous community projects throughout its history, including Teacher Take Wing, Star Lab, Shoes for the Soul, Clothes for a Cause, Open Hearts Food Pantry, and Packs for a Purpose; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. will celebrate the centennial of the organization at the Texarkana Regional Arts Center in Texarkana, Texas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives:

- (1) Honor the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. for its role in supporting its local community for one hundred (100) years; and
- (2) Commemorate the centennial celebration of the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. on May 19, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be provided to the leaders of the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc., by the Chief

Clerk of the House of Representatives.