

House Resolution 1608

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Waites of the 60th, Bell of the 58th, Purcell of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, on their Leadership Conference;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), Inc., is an international, professional,
4 and humanitarian organization of over 3,000 dedicated and concerned women representing
5 a mélange of talents, skills, and resources; and

6 WHEREAS, the result of the inspiration of Major Ozell Dean, TLOD was established in
7 1964 in Tyler, Texas, when Mrs. Willie Lee Glass, Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, and Major
8 Ozell Dean agreed to work cooperatively to help alleviate the myriad problems confronting
9 youth in their respective communities; and

10 WHEREAS, their first meeting to establish policies and exacting governing laws of the
11 organization was held on June 4, 1964, and TLOD was chartered in the State of Texas on
12 September 8, 1964; and

13 WHEREAS, the charter members were Mrs. Franchell Boswell, Mrs. Ina Bolton Brown,
14 Mrs. Augusta Cash Latham, Major Ozell Dean, Mrs. Willie Lee Glass, Mrs. LaVerne R.
15 Madlock, Mrs. Ruth Payne Smith, and Mrs. Georgia B. Presswood Nelson; and

16 WHEREAS, since its founding, the objectives of the organization have been expanded to
17 include not only a focus on Top Teens of America but also improving the status of women,
18 service to senior citizens, community beautification, and community partnerships; and

19 WHEREAS, all chapters of TLOD support NAACP, UNCF, NCNW, Sickle Cell, March of
20 Dimes, literacy programs, and awarding scholarships to graduating Top Teens; and

21 WHEREAS, TLOD is actively involved in monitoring the legislative, judicial, and executive
22 situations that affect the welfare of youth, senior citizens, women, the community, and the
23 family; and

24 WHEREAS, the Raleigh chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., will host their 30th
25 Leadership Conference from March 14-18, 2012, in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation for the great advancements
27 made by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., over the past 30 years.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 members of this body recognize the Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, for the
30 organization's significant role in leading social change in America and extend congratulations
31 on the remarkable occasion of its 30th Leadership Conference.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Top Ladies of
34 Distinction, Incorporated.