

House Resolution 453

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Nashville Woman's Club on their 100th anniversary and inviting its
2 members to be appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Nashville Woman's Club was organized on March 31, 1913, by a group of
4 concerned women of Nashville who shared common goals to beautify the home, the yard,
5 and the community; and

6 WHEREAS, the six charter members were Mrs. Clarence A. Christian, president; Mrs. Y.
7 A. Scruggs, first vice president; Mrs. N. T. Peebles, second vice president; Mrs. J. W. E.
8 Powell, secretary; Mrs. George Peters, recording secretary; and Mrs. E. June Lovette,
9 treasurer; and

10 WHEREAS, the first action of the Woman's Club was to fight to stop the grazing of cows
11 on the Courthouse Square; and

12 WHEREAS, through the first decade of the club's existence, the members actively engaged
13 in beautifying the Courthouse Square and providing blankets, towels, and cigarettes for the
14 local young men serving in the military during WWI; and

15 WHEREAS, the club's first meeting place was in the back of the then First National Bank
16 Building in Nashville, where they provided and maintained a "rest room" for visitors to the
17 Courthouse Square until 1920 and where they created Berrien County's first public library;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, after years of meeting in various locations, the club found a permanent home
20 in 1928 when the present clubhouse was built on Bartow Street; and

21 WHEREAS, in the 1940s, the Nashville Woman's Club established Nashville's first
22 kindergarten and operated the kindergarten for over 50 years, later turning operation over
23 Nashville United Methodist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, the club continued to serve the local community with local beautification
25 projects, including the planting of dogwood trees along local streets, leading to Nashville's
26 nickname City of Dogwoods, placing archways at the Old City Cemetery and Westview
27 Cemetery, and Yard of the Month awards; and

28 WHEREAS, the club continues to be an integral part of the local community, with members
29 who support local culture, education, history, social events, holiday celebrations, military,
30 and anywhere local need exists that its members can aid.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body congratulate the Nashville Woman's Club upon the grand occasion
33 of its 100th anniversary and invite President Margie West Tygart, First Vice President
34 Carolyn Dove Powell, Second Vice President Dale McLendon Tucker, and Secretary and
35 Treasurer Carolyn Harnage Chambers to be recognized by the House of Representative at
36 a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Nashville Woman's
39 Club.