

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mandeville Republican Women on thirty years of volunteer public service both locally and throughout the state.

WHEREAS, in 1984, Lane Carson, state chairman of the Reagan/Bush campaign and DeNell Haines, a dedicated Republican woman, hosted an organizational meeting for seventeen women who believed that it was time for a republican women's club in Mandeville; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1984, the Mandeville Republican Women's Club received its charter from the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), officially establishing it as an affiliate club of both the NFRW and the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, the first initiative that the ladies undertook was establishing a Reagan/Bush Victory Team Headquarters and organized voter registration at Mandeville City Hall; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the club began hosting fundraisers for candidates and local charities, coordinating campaign efforts and volunteer support, providing forums for candidates and elected officials to meet their constituents and hear from the voters as well as recruiting and training candidates to run for office; and

WHEREAS, the women continue these activities along with providing voter education and information to all interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the club is recognized as a powerful volunteer political force locally and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the members played a major role in hosting the Republican National Committee Convention in New Orleans which is still a fond memory among the party; and

WHEREAS, the club has received many awards and recognition to include the NFRW Diamond and Gold Awards, club awards for fundraising, community service, membership growth, and literacy; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the club's success over the years, many Mandeville Republican Women members have been recognized for their leadership and service, and many have been appointed or elected to a variety of offices at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Mandeville Republican Women hosts several signature events in Mandeville such as the Blue Jeans, Boots and BBQ, Rollin' on T-Rivers, Passion for Fashion, Christmas Membership Tea, Storybook Christmas, Fall Card Party, and the Candidates' Jazz Brunch and Glad Hatters' Competition; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years members of the Mandeville Republican Women's Club has been dedicated to making a difference in and for the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Mandeville Republican Women on thirty years of volunteer public service both locally and throughout the state, and celebrates the accomplishments of the Mandeville Republican Women's Club, and honors those who believed in their mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Michelle Pichon, President of the Mandeville Republican Women's Club.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE