

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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HR 1036

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5 By: Representative Dalby
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
10 TEXARKANA, INC. ON MAY 19, 2026.
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13 **Subtitle**

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15 JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TEXARKANA, INC. ON MAY
16 19, 2026.
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18 WHEREAS, the first Junior League was founded in 1901 as a charitable
19 nonprofit organization of women and joined together with other Junior Leagues
20 in 1921 to form an association now known as The Association of Junior Leagues
21 International, Inc.; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. is an organization of
24 women in the Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas area whose mission is
25 to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through
26 volunteer action, collaboration, and training; and
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28 WHEREAS, in 1926, a group of civically minded women met at the home of
29 Mrs. A. H. Whitmarsh to discuss the formation of an organization that would
30 become the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc., and later held a charter
31 luncheon and elected officers on February 26, 1926; and
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33 WHEREAS, from its inception, the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc.
34 patterned its constitution on the constitution of the Association of Junior
35 Leagues of America with the intention of becoming part of that organization,
36 and subsequently achieved that goal in 1947; and



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

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

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

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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29 THAT the House of Representatives:

30 (1) Honor the Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. for its role in
31 supporting its local community for one hundred (100) years; and

32 (2) Commemorate the centennial celebration of the Junior League
33 of Texarkana, Inc. on May 19, 2026.

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

1 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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