

House Resolution No. 1052

Whereas, Altrusa International of Mexico received its charter on March 16, 1978, as the culmination of founding efforts by Jean Thompson who was joined by charter members Sandra Arens, Sally Ann Blass, Marietta Bybee, Louise Culwell, Helen Fenlon, Janis Fisher, Bette Garner, Jean Giesler, Mary Howell, Beth Irvin, Kay Isgrig, Barbara Janke, Irene Long, Verna Mainprize, Barbara Moorhead, Phyllis Murta, Frances Morris, Donna Peak, Mary Evelyn O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Doreen Sheldon, Laurann Webber, Helen Wraith, Nancy Oliver, and Bonnie Ziegler; and

Whereas, inaugural President Donna Peak was followed by an exceptional line of succeeding executive officers, including Jean Thompson, Mary Howell, Bette Garner, Betty Clark, Phyllis Murta, Margot Cox-Bittner, Pat Fowler, Virginia Pehle, Debbie Rickard, Barbara Wilson, Ann Hagan, Leslie Miller, Joy Keith, Jan Fisher, Gayle Messer, Rita Jackson, Sherry Medley, Carla Tanzey, and current president, Ans Schmidtke; and

Whereas, composed of professional women recognized as community leaders, the Altrusa International chapter in Mexico has dedicated itself to meeting the needs of area children and the elderly through the contribution of more than \$45,000 to a variety of service venues, to enhancing literacy through nearly \$10,000 in support of such programs as "Rock 'n Read" and "Read to Me", and to assisting students through the Barbara Moorhead fund which now offers an annual \$1,500 scholarship; and

Whereas, a splendid component of the Altrusa International organization which was founded in 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee, the Mexico chapter enjoys good rapport with other hometown altruistic and service organizations such as the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce, which presented it with a Civic Club Award, and the Central Missouri Literacy Council, which selected it for an Exemplary Community Literacy Award:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar good works of Altrusa International and to convey to all of that illustrious organization's local officers and members this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Mexico, Missouri, chapter; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Altrusa International of Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Steve Hobbs
 District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1052, adopted March 27, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker