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Rotary Resolution

Blasts Disobedience

CLEAR LAKE CITY-Members of the Space Center Rotary Club have, unanimously, endorsed a resolution serving as the club's denunciation of civil disobedience, leniency in prosecuting offenders, and the unrestrained and irresponsible coverage of these events by some public media.

The resolution, presented by General Hal Neely, retired, calls for club president Dick Allen to "relay" its content to the "highest state and national levels". Complete text of the resolution, adopted this week, is as follows:

"Whereas, the Bill of Rights guarantees certain freedoms and inalienable rights, these are not without individual and collective responsibilities, and

"Whereas, the freedom of speech and the right of peaceful assembly have been repeatedly abused, and

"Whereas, the conduct of some groups has, on occasion, ranged from illegal assembly, to disturbing the peace, to arson, and even to rioting with accompanying loss of human life, and

"Whereas, the trend toward organized lawlessness and the symptoms of incipient revolution are all too evident and are deeply disturbing, and

"Whereas, some of the major news medias have shown a lack of restraint, responsibility and due respect for the law enforcement agencies of this country in its coverage of these illegal acts, and have on occasion encouraged and fomented a furtherance of said acts, and

"Whereas, history has demonstrated that once a society condones defiance of law and due process, the liberties of all are lost in the excesses of anarchy which follow, and,

"Whereas, the vast majority of the American people are law abiding and respectful of authority;

"Be it therefore resolved, we, the members of the Space Center Rotary Club of Rotary International, hereby denounce the actions of the leaders and organizations that have contributed to the disregard of law and order, and call upon all law enforcement authority to enforce the law and exact the full measure of punishment to stop this trend of lawlessness and restore the protection of our persons and property. "Be it further resolved, that this resolution be sent to our Local, State, and National leaders at the highest level, and that we as individuals lend our assistance to restore the rule of law and order."