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**League of Women Voters is 88 in '08**

Austin, TX– The League of Women Voters will celebrate its 88th birthday on February 14, with a renewed commitment to help Americans get involved in their democracy in 2008.

“Today we stand on the shoulders of generations of incredible volunteers who have proudly served the League and made a measurable impact in their communities,” said national League president Mary G. Wilson. “I am bursting with pride as I wish our nearly 150,000 members and supporters a “Happy Birthday!”

“We take seriously our legacy of providing trustworthy and balanced resources to citizens and lawmakers. The League of Women Voters truly has left its footprint on American history, and I believe our democracy is stronger because of it.”

“As I speak, our incredible members are living out that legacy in every state in our union, making sure voters are registered, educated, and confident in the political process. 2008 will be a pivotal year, and we encourage all Americans to contact their local League or visit our election web site [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) to get involved in this historic election.”

Darlene Hicks, President of LWV-Texas, added: “Texas was the ninth state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on June 28, 1919, after the Senate passed the amendment on June 4, 1919, and sent it to the states to ratify. The amendment was adopted on August 26, 1920, when Tennessee became the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify it.”

“The League of Women Voters of Texas was founded on October 10, 1919. We continue to provide nonpartisan information to the public and legislators and encourage people to become informed so they may cast their votes wisely.”

For more information about the League of Women Voters of Texas, contact Raul Salazar at 512-472-1100, or visit [www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org).

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*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. Join us in making democracy work!*