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H.R. No. 1449

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Admiral David C. Tyson Jr. of Richardson has greatly
2 benefited his fellow citizens through his exceptional record of
3 civic engagement; and

4 WHEREAS, Commissioned as an admiral in the Texas Navy by
5 Governor Rick Perry in recognition of his community service, David
6 Tyson currently works to improve the lives of his fellow citizens as
7 a member of the House District 102 Steering Committee; he has been a
8 tireless champion of education equity, and his successful voting
9 rights lawsuit against the Richardson Independent School District
10 led to the end of its at-large election process, which blocked
11 minority candidates from winning trustee elections and
12 concentrated power in wealthy areas of the city; the district
13 settled in 2019, and following the advent of a system with five
14 single member districts and two at-large trustees, the composition
15 of the school board became more representative of the district's
16 majority-minority population; and

17 WHEREAS, Admiral Tyson was the first person of color elected
18 to the RISD school board; serving from 2004 to 2010, he was the
19 board's delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards and
20 liaison to the RISD Bi-Racial Committee; he further served as
21 treasurer and as a member of the RISD Technology and District
22 Planning Committees; during his tenure, he was a strong voice for
23 minority views in the community and advocated powerfully for
24 resources to enhance student achievement in schools in less

1 affluent neighborhoods; his bold vision and effective advocacy led
2 to a number of key initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the years, Admiral Tyson has given generously
4 of his time and talents to numerous worthy organizations; he has
5 been a scoutmaster and unit commissioner for the Boy Scouts of
6 America, as well as a member of the Circle Ten Council, BSA, and the
7 National Eagle Scout Association; moreover, he chaired the RISD
8 School Night for Scouting; he is a founder of the Sankofa Foundation
9 and has been a valued member of Hamilton Park United Methodist
10 Church, the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands, and Alpha Phi Alpha
11 fraternity; and

12 WHEREAS, A Louisiana native, Admiral Tyson graduated from
13 Southern University and pursued a dynamic career as a sales and
14 marketing executive; and

15 WHEREAS, David Tyson has made a lasting, positive difference
16 in Richardson, and his outstanding accomplishments have earned him
17 the admiration and appreciation of area residents; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Admiral David C. Tyson Jr. for his
21 contributions to the Richardson community and extend to him sincere
22 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Admiral Tyson as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.