

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 524**

**WHEREAS**, Goodwill Industries of Dallas is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023, providing a fitting opportunity to recognize the organization for its myriad contributions to the North Texas region; and

**WHEREAS**, The inaugural Goodwill organization in Texas was established in 1923 in Dallas when a group of women from the Southern Methodist Church held a clothing drive as a fundraising project; the project became a successful operation, and it was later named Goodwill Industries of Dallas; executive director Gerald Clore envisioned the expansion of Goodwill across the Lone Star State, and the Goodwill Industries of San Antonio and Houston opened their doors in 1945; today, Goodwill encompasses more than 140 locations in Texas and is part of an international network; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas Goodwill's donated goods program provides employment by offering work through the recycling and reselling of material donations in stores, while keeping millions of pounds of reusable items out of landfills; every dollar that is generated from its retail stores is invested back into creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and disadvantaging conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas Goodwill's workforce development program provides assessments, education, coaching, and career placement for North Texans; moreover, the organization offers job training and employment for people from all walks of life, including the working poor and the underemployed, formerly incarcerated individuals who are reentering the workforce, and those who haven't earned a GED or the high school equivalency; Dallas Goodwill's day habilitation services utilizes an interactive classroom setting to support adults with developmental disabilities and to help them gain academic, living, social, and basic money management skills; and

**WHEREAS**, For a century, Goodwill Industries of Dallas has played an important role in the North Texas community, changing lives through the power of meaningful work and equipping people with the tools they need to reach their full potential as engaged and productive members of society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries of Dallas and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Goodwill Industries of Dallas as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Johnson, Hall, Parker, West

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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