

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gary Griffith was elected to the Dallas City Council
2 on May 31, 2003, and his selection to that body by the city's voters
3 provides an ideal opportunity to recognize him for his many notable
4 contributions to the Dallas area; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, this
6 accomplished gentleman pursued his higher education at The
7 University of Texas at Austin, where he attained his bachelor of
8 arts degree in government in 1970; he is now the president of a
9 successful public relations firm, Jefferson Partners, which was
10 founded in 1994; and

11 WHEREAS, Councilman Griffith brings a keen understanding of
12 public service to his new post, having previously been a member of
13 the City of Dallas Planning and Zoning Commission and the Dallas
14 Park Board; while on the planning commission he was instrumental in
15 securing a new urban design and land use plan for Garland Road and a
16 new urban design plan for Bachman-Northwest Highway; he also gave
17 staunch support to the Forest Hills Planned Development District;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Equally productive during his tenure with the park
20 board, he played a vital role in bringing to fruition such
21 initiatives as the city's first volunteer-funded dog park and a
22 new, volunteer-funded trail at Lakewood Park; he further
23 demonstrated tremendous vision through his work on an aquatics plan
24 for the park department, master plans for Randall Park and Fair

1 Park, and a long-range plan for overall park development; and

2 WHEREAS, Long active in community affairs, Councilman
3 Griffith has served on the governing board of Doctors Hospital and
4 on the boards of directors of the White Rock Lake Foundation, Dallas
5 Summer Musicals, Fair Park/South Dallas Trust Fund, Rotary Club of
6 Dallas, Child Care Dallas, and The University of Texas Ex-Students
7 Association of Dallas; he has helped guide the health care division
8 of United Way Dallas and is a valued member of the Lakewood
9 Neighborhood Association and the Dallas Northeast Chamber of
10 Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Widely recognized as a dynamic leader, he was chosen
12 as a founding director of the Texas Lyceum Association, and his
13 seasoned judgment has been felt statewide through his service with
14 the Texas Hospital Association, State Commission on Judicial
15 Conduct, and Texas Optometry Board; and

16 WHEREAS, Councilman Griffith's concern for area students is
17 reflected in his creation and chairmanship of the Woodrow Wilson
18 High School Class of 1966 scholarship committee, as well as his
19 efforts throughout the Dallas Independent School District to foster
20 the Character Counts! program; moreover, he has helped to institute
21 the Drug Free Youth in Texas Program in DISD middle schools and high
22 schools; and

23 WHEREAS, He has been supported in his many endeavors by his
24 wife of 33 years, Jackie McGaha Griffith, and by his twin daughters,
25 Vickie and Mandy; and

26 WHEREAS, Councilman Griffith has demonstrated an enduring
27 commitment to creating a brighter, more prosperous future for his

1 fellow citizens, and it is indeed appropriate that he be honored for
2 his exemplary civic engagement; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Gary Griffith
5 on his election to the Dallas City Council and extend to him best
6 wishes for great success as he takes on the responsibilities of that
7 position; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Councilman Griffith as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 104

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 104 was adopted by the House on July 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House