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H.C.R. No. 244

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Deralyn Riles Davis has made innumerable
2 contributions to the Lone Star State as an educator, accountant,
3 mediator, and civic leader, and on the 50th anniversary of her
4 graduation from Huston-Tillotson College, she has been invited to
5 participate in that institution's commencement exercises, to be
6 held in Austin on May 3, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1953 this exemplary Texan earned her bachelor's
8 degree in health, physical education, and recreation, a degree that
9 complemented her studies at Texas Southern University and D.C.
10 Teachers College, and she established a successful career as an
11 educator in the Lone Star State's public school system, teaching at
12 schools in Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth, and other locations in
13 the Metroplex area; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Davis, whose enthusiasm and dedication to hard
15 work has won the respect of all those who have known her, also
16 completed a bachelor's degree in accounting from The University of
17 Texas at Arlington; during the course of her impressive career she
18 has worked as an accountant, real estate agent, promotion and
19 marketing professional, and certified mediator; and

20 WHEREAS, An active member of her community, Ms. Davis has
21 played a key role in the success of such organizations as the United
22 Way Speaker Bureau, the Community Development Board, the Mayor's
23 Committee on the Status of Women, and the Tarrant County Regional
24 Health Planning Board; her spirit of generosity and commitment has

1 brought her great acclaim from many important civic and charitable
2 groups, including the Legislative Black Caucus, Texas State NAACP,
3 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Eta Phi Beta Sorority, and Omega Psi Phi
4 Fraternity; and

5 WHEREAS, Also active politically, she has worked for local,
6 state, and national candidates, has served as vice chair of the
7 Texas Democratic Party and as a member of the Democratic National
8 Committee, and has been a delegate to the national Democratic Party
9 convention each election year since 1976; and

10 WHEREAS, Since graduating from Huston-Tillotson College a
11 half-century ago, Ms. Davis has made her mark as a woman of
12 outstanding achievement, attaining immense professional success
13 while serving her community, state, and nation with honor and
14 distinction; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby congratulate Deralyn Riles Davis on the golden anniversary
17 of her graduation from Huston-Tillotson College and extend to her
18 warmest best wishes for continued happiness in her future
19 endeavors; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Ms. Davis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 Legislature.