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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 75th birthday of a notable Texan is truly cause
2 for celebration, and it is indeed appropriate to recognize Eli
3 Davis of Dallas, who commemorated this joyous occasion on October
4 12, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis graduated from Fort Worth's I. M. Terrell
6 High School and received his bachelor of science degree from Mary
7 Allen College and his master of education degree from Prairie View
8 A&M University; a veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U.S.
9 Army and Army Reserves for 27 years before his honorable discharge
10 as a master sergeant; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis went on to give 33 years of sterling
12 service to the Dallas ISD; during his tenure, he was a mathematics
13 and science teacher, an assistant principal at the elementary,
14 junior high, and high school levels, and a principal at the
15 elementary school he once attended; and

16 WHEREAS, During his years as an in-service classroom teacher
17 and administrator, he participated in numerous educational
18 organizations, ranging from the Classroom Teachers of Dallas, the
19 Texas State Teachers Association, and the National Education
20 Association to the Dallas School Administrators Association, the
21 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the
22 Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisors Association; in
23 addition, Mr. Davis was one of the original members of the Dallas
24 ISD Communication Committee, which was established to address

1 employee grievances; and

2 WHEREAS, This caring gentleman has spent his life in service
3 to his fellow citizens, and his innumerable contributions include
4 his leadership with the PTA, Boy Scouts of America, the Omicron
5 Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, Greater New Zion Baptist Church, the Mary
6 Allen College National Alumni Association, the Dallas Civil Service
7 Board, and the Dallas Health and Human Services Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has also played an active role in
9 political affairs; his efforts in this regard have included service
10 as a 23rd Senatorial State Democratic Executive Committeeman, a
11 delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and the chair of a
12 delegation to the Texas Democratic Convention; moreover, he
13 continues to make significant contributions to the betterment of
14 this state as a valued staff member for Texas House District 110;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The deserving recipient of numerous honors through
17 the years, Mr. Davis was commissioned an Honorary Texas Ranger and
18 made a special assistant to the governor; he may also list among his
19 accolades a special service award from the Texas Coalition of Black
20 Democrats, a Boy Scouts of America Merit Award, the Distinguished
21 Leadership Award from the Dallas ISD, and a life membership in the
22 Texas PTA; and

23 WHEREAS, Demonstrating the highest ideals of public service,
24 Eli Davis has long given back to his community and state, and the
25 example that he sets for all who know him is truly commendable; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Eli Davis on his 75th birthday and
2 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Davis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.