

By: Hodge

H.R. No. 504

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dale and Stella Schenk of Dallas have demonstrated
2 great generosity, foresight, and civic leadership with their
3 support of the efforts of the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) to
4 create economic development and enhance law enforcement within the
5 lower Ferguson Road corridor; and

6 WHEREAS, Distressed by crime, gang activity, urban blight,
7 retail abandonment, poor school performance, and diminishing
8 property values, area leaders united in October 1995 in hopes of
9 bringing the entire community together to create a shared vision
10 and a proactive plan to revitalize the area; the mission of the FRI
11 is to transform the Ferguson Road corridor into a safe, attractive,
12 and prosperous community; and

13 WHEREAS, Active members of the FRI Weed and Seed Steering
14 Committee since 1999, Dale and Stella Schenk purchased and
15 rehabilitated the old Cambridge Square Shopping Center on Ferguson
16 Road and restored the building to its original capacity; and

17 WHEREAS, The Schenks have also generously donated office
18 space to the FRI Police Kiosk, where the FRI Crime Prevention
19 Specialist, Inter Active Community Policing unit, and Dallas Police
20 Department bike patrols are housed; moreover, they have provided
21 meeting space for the FRI Public Safety Task Force, thereby
22 supporting crime prevention initiatives that have subsequently
23 reduced crime and benefited the FRI community; and

24 WHEREAS, Dale and Stella Schenk have played an important role

1 in the revitalization of the Ferguson Road corridor, and their
2 continuing efforts will undoubtedly produce results of lasting
3 benefit to area Texans; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize Dale and Stella Schenk for their
6 ongoing support of the Ferguson Road Initiative and commend them as
7 exemplary community leaders; and, be it further

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