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H.C.R. No. 222

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas A. Davis, Jr., enjoyed a long and
2 notable career with the Texas Department of Public Safety that
3 spanned more than four decades, and it is most fitting that he be
4 recognized with the naming of a DPS building in his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Mississippi and raised in Houston, Tommy
6 Davis studied at South Texas Junior College and the University of
7 Houston; on November 18, 1964, he joined the Department of Public
8 Safety and graduated from the DPS Academy on March 5 of the
9 following year; his first assignment was with the Driver License
10 Service in Houston, and he began highway patrol duties in July 1967;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This able officer joined the investigative ranks on
13 September 1, 1971, when he began working with the Criminal
14 Intelligence Service in Houston; promoted to sergeant in August
15 1983, he relocated to Austin, and nearly three years later he
16 assumed the responsibilities of assistant service commander; and

17 WHEREAS, Undertaking a new assignment in 1988, he became
18 assistant chief of the Criminal Law Enforcement Division and later
19 led the division as chief; he then moved to the senior levels of DPS
20 command, holding the post of assistant director from September 1996
21 until February 2000; on March 1, 2000, he was named the agency's
22 director, and he retired from that position on August 31, 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, An officer of great dedication and vast experience,
24 Tommy Davis spent nearly 44 years serving the citizens of the Lone

1 Star State, and the Texas Public Safety Commission has requested
2 that a state office building be named in his honor; Building A at
3 the Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters Complex in
4 Austin has never been named, and naming the building after Colonel
5 Davis would provide a lasting tribute to his many years of service
6 in behalf of his fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to submit a proposal
9 to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
10 representatives to name Building A of the Texas Department of
11 Public Safety Headquarters Complex at 5805 North Lamar Boulevard in
12 Austin the Thomas A. Davis, Jr., Headquarters Building; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
15 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the
16 Texas Facilities Commission; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That, contingent on the receipt by the lieutenant
18 governor and speaker of the house of representatives of the Texas
19 Facilities Commission proposal, this resolution hereby authorize
20 the naming of the Thomas A. Davis, Jr., Headquarters Building.