

By: Branch

H.R. No. 242

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Greenway Parks neighborhood is celebrating the
2 Fourth of July in Stemmons Park in 2011, and this occasion provides
3 a fitting opportunity to recognize the notable history of this
4 prominent Dallas community; and

5 WHEREAS, Designed in 1927, the Greenway Parks neighborhood
6 comprises about 150 acres and is home to 300 families; it is located
7 three miles north of downtown Dallas and was one of the city's first
8 pedestrian-oriented planned communities; architecturally, it
9 encompasses the styles of seven decades, including romantic
10 revival, postwar, ranch, and European-inspired houses, and in 2003
11 it became a recognized conservation district; named one of the
12 state's 25 Best Places by the Texas Society of Architects, the
13 neighborhood inspires great pride and loyalty among its residents,
14 and many houses are passed down from one generation to the next; and

15 WHEREAS, Greenway Parks got its start when F. N. Drane, a
16 Corsicana investor, and J. P. Stephenson, a Dallas entrepreneur,
17 purchased the tract of land and hired architect David Williams to
18 design the development; Mr. Williams utilized an "English Commons"
19 pattern in which houses are clustered around a series of open,
20 private parkways, and the neighborhood incorporates two triangular
21 neighborhood parks and eight shared greenbelts; and

22 WHEREAS, Greenway Parks was incorporated into the City of
23 Dallas in 1942; through the years, it has prospered as a result of
24 its central location and the successful efforts of its homeowners

1 association to preserve its beauty and architectural integrity;
2 today, the association is led by president Hale Hoak, and its other
3 officers are Lanay Hartmann, Robey Clark, Jeff Partridge, Nancy
4 Holloway, Ethan Underwood, and Taylor Wilson; and

5 WHEREAS, The Greenway Parks Fourth of July celebration is a
6 highly anticipated event that brings together patriotic neighbors
7 with a shared love of country and community, and it is indeed a
8 pleasure to pay tribute to this vibrant part of Dallas and to those
9 who call it home; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2011 Fourth
12 of July celebration in the Greenway Parks neighborhood of Dallas
13 and recognize the rich history of this important community; and, be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the Greenway Parks Home Owners Association as an
17 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.