

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 651

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eli Davis of Dallas has been named an Outstanding  
2 Community Leader of House District 111 by the Texas Legislative  
3 Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, A retired educator, Mr. Davis has volunteered his  
5 time in service to the greater good over the course of several  
6 decades; born in Terrell, he grew up in Dallas and Fort Worth and  
7 earned his bachelor's degree at Mary Allen College in Crockett; he  
8 went on to receive a master's degree in education with an emphasis  
9 on administration and supervision from Prairie View A&M University;  
10 he was a member of the United States Army as well as the reserves,  
11 retiring as a master sergeant after 27 years of exemplary service;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis worked for the Dallas Independent School  
14 District for more than three decades; over the course of his career,  
15 he served as a high school mathematics and science teacher, as an  
16 assistant principal at several campuses, and as the principal of  
17 the B. F. Darrell Elementary School, his alma mater; he has been a  
18 member of a long list of professional educational organizations  
19 that includes the Classroom Teachers of Dallas, the Texas State  
20 Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the  
21 National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Texas  
22 Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; retiring in  
23 1990, he went on to work as an assistant to Texas State  
24 Representative Jesse W. Jones for 14 years; and

1           WHEREAS, In his volunteer work, Mr. Davis has lent his  
2 leadership skills to numerous organizations, including the Boy  
3 Scouts, which he served as a scoutmaster, and the PTA, the Dunbar  
4 Social and Charity Club, and the Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma,  
5 all of which he served as president; in addition, he has been a  
6 delegate to four Democratic National Conventions and was a member  
7 of the National Democratic Platform Committee in 2000; other  
8 organizations to benefit from his membership include the NAACP, the  
9 Dallas Area Agency on Aging, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, and  
10 the Greater New Zion Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Male  
11 Chorus; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to the many awards he has received from  
13 his church, employer, and political party, Mr. Davis was  
14 commissioned by the governor of the State of Texas as an Honorary  
15 Texas Ranger and as a special assistant to the governor; and

16           WHEREAS, Eli Davis has demonstrated a lasting commitment to  
17 his fellow citizens, and his contributions have improved the  
18 quality of life in his community in countless ways; now, therefore,  
19 be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Eli Davis on his selection as an  
22 Outstanding Community Leader of House District 111 by the Texas  
23 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
24 continued happiness; and, be it further

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