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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clara Jo Davis retired as a community columnist for
2 the *Athens Review* in 2012, drawing to a close a successful career in
3 journalism that has spanned more than 30 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Before taking up her most recent vocation,
5 Mrs. Davis spent many years as a caterer, baking wedding and
6 birthday cakes, as well as homemade bread, for members of her
7 community; after her work in the food industry, she drove a school
8 bus for the Cross Roads, Athens, and Malakoff school districts for
9 18 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis's deep roots in Henderson County and her
11 "passion for food, church, and her friends" served her well over the
12 course of her long affiliation with the *Athens Review*; her weekly
13 columns, which centered on the Cross Roads and Shady Oak areas, were
14 widely admired and appreciated, and subscribers benefited every
15 issue from her wide-ranging reminiscences and from her helpful
16 updates on community life; and

17 WHEREAS, An alumna of Cross Roads School, the former Clara Jo
18 Morrison married Osburn Davis in 1944, and the couple became the
19 parents of a daughter, Bobbie Karan; though these two beloved
20 figures in her life have since passed, Mrs. Davis still enjoys the
21 company of her sister, Bobbie Matthews, and her husband, Carl Lee;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Even in retirement, Mrs. Davis plans to continue
24 serving the newspaper, as she will use her experience to guide the

1 new Cross Roads and Shady Oak community columnist, Peggy Trammel
2 Allen, toward a successful writing career; and

3 WHEREAS, Held in fond esteem by her colleagues for her
4 friendliness and unfailing dedication to her work, Clara Jo Davis
5 may indeed take pride in her three-decade record of outstanding
6 journalism and in the great pleasure that she has given to others
7 over these many years; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Clara Jo Davis on her retirement as
10 a community columnist for the *Athens Review* and extend to her
11 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mrs. Davis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.