

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated retail businesses are  
2 fundamental to Texas communities, and on February 23, 2013, Ron  
3 Zimmerman celebrated 40 years of doing business in Irving as the  
4 owner of Al's Rent to Own; and

5           WHEREAS, The business was founded by Mr. Zimmerman's father  
6 as Al's Sewing Center in 1967; as time went on, the elder  
7 Mr. Zimmerman added other products such as stereos, and he  
8 eventually owned seven separate stores; and

9           WHEREAS, Ron Zimmerman was already an experienced salesman  
10 when he took over one of the locations on South Main Street in  
11 Irving in 1973, and he became the sole owner of the business after  
12 his father passed away 26 years ago; and

13           WHEREAS, Situated in a former five-and-dime, Al's Rent to Own  
14 has dealt in a variety of products over the past four decades,  
15 moving from electronics to furniture available for purchase on a  
16 rent-to-own basis; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Zimmerman has not only built a loyal clientele  
18 over the years, but he has also been active in the community through  
19 his work with Irving's Preservation and Redevelopment Board and the  
20 Downtown Merchants' Association, taking particular interest in the  
21 redevelopment of the Heritage District; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Zimmerman is an outstanding businessman whose  
23 long-standing relationship with his customers and commitment to his  
24 community have helped to make Irving a special place to live, and he

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1 may indeed take pride in his four decades of achievement; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Ron Zimmerman on the 40th  
5 anniversary of his ownership of Al's Rent to Own in Irving and  
6 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
7 happiness; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1583 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House