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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ken's Man's Shop celebrated its 50th anniversary in
2 2014, and this special occasion presents a welcome opportunity to
3 take note of this haberdashery's unique place in the Dallas
4 business community; and

5 WHEREAS, After working for five years at another menswear
6 store, Ken Helfman, opened his own store in Garland on July 30,
7 1964, at the age of 25; specializing at first in English tailored
8 clothing, the shop expanded its line to carry men's fashion by such
9 designers as Pierre Cardin, Yves St. Laurent, and Oleg Cassini,
10 among others; Coach Tom Landry and other members of the front office
11 of the Dallas Cowboys began to purchase clothing there, and in 1969,
12 Roger Staubach bought his first suit at Ken's; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the next decades, the store's reputation grew,
14 and in 1993, it moved to its present location in the Preston Royal
15 Shopping Center in Dallas; the following year, Mr. Helfman's son
16 Kory joined the business, and today the shop serves both new and
17 longtime customers, offering the services of an in-house tailor's
18 shop and carrying fine menswear by many contemporary designers; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Helfman has been an active volunteer for the
20 Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children since the late 1970s, and
21 since 1994, the store has held an annual holiday book and toy drive;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses are important to the
24 prosperity of cities throughout Texas, and Ken's Man's Shop is an

1 inspiring example of the success that can be realized by
2 hardworking entrepreneurs in the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Ken's Man's Shop on its 50th
6 anniversary and extend to Ken and Kory Helfman and their staff
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ken's Man's Shop as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.