

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Davis Apparel Shop, an award-winning Dallas  
2 institution, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a gala  
3 luncheon on April 20, 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1965 by Connie and Alvin Davis, this  
5 pioneering business quickly became the largest African  
6 American-owned boutique in South Dallas, attracting  
7 fashion-forward customers from throughout the area with its  
8 remarkable selection; the store also staged fashion shows and  
9 offered classes in fashion etiquette and techniques, helping to  
10 build self-esteem and confidence among the community's young  
11 people; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1989, Davis Apparel changed its business plan and  
13 began to market uniforms to major companies in the hospitality,  
14 public safety, medical, and manufacturing industries; by 1998, the  
15 shop was recognized as a national leader in the distribution of  
16 professional uniforms; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the years, Davis Apparel has provided  
18 opportunities and mentorship for many young people in the  
19 community; several of the individuals who attended fashion classes  
20 in the shop's early years went on to become professional models, and  
21 in recent years, the store has regularly sponsored interns from  
22 Paul Quinn College; and

23           WHEREAS, Davis Apparel and its founders have been honored on  
24 many occasions; Mrs. Davis was named Woman of the Year by the Pylon

1 Business Club in 1977, and she received the Quest for Success Award  
2 from the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and the Summit  
3 Award from the African American Women Entrepreneurs in 1997; the  
4 shop has received recognition from the Minority Business  
5 Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Legacy  
6 Award from the Urban League of Greater Dallas, and the Veolia  
7 Transportation Vendor Application Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis passed away in 2011 and Mrs. Davis in  
9 2012, and today Alvin Davis Jr. carries on the legacy of his parents  
10 as president and general manager of Davis Apparel Shop; and

11 WHEREAS, For half a century, Davis Apparel Shop has made a  
12 significant contribution to the prosperity of its community and  
13 offered countless young people an introduction to the business  
14 world, and it is a pleasure to honor this unique Lone Star success  
15 story; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Davis  
18 Apparel Shop and extend to Mr. Davis and his staff sincere best  
19 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Davis Apparel Shop as an expression of high regard by  
22 the Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
Fletcher	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2141

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2141 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House