

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2141

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.