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H.R. No. 2798

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Outgoing members of the Dallas City Council are
2 visiting the State Capitol on May 14, 2015, and this occasion
3 provides an ideal opportunity to recognize them for their
4 distinguished public service; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to term limits, council members Tennell Atkins,
6 Sheffie Kadane, Vonciel Jones Hill, Jerry Allen, Dwaine Caraway,
7 and Carolyn Davis are all completing their tenures on June 22, 2015;
8 they have worked together on numerous important issues and
9 initiatives over the past eight years, including the Dallas Arts
10 District, the streetcar to Oak Cliff, the modernization of Love
11 Field, and the Trinity River Corridor Project; moreover, under
12 their leadership, the city has enjoyed its lowest crime rate in
13 decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Tennell Atkins, who represents District 8, serves as
15 mayor pro tem, as chair of the Economic Development Committee, and
16 as vice chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee;
17 moreover, he shares his business expertise with several other
18 committees; and

19 WHEREAS, The District 9 representative, Sheffie Kadane, has
20 chaired the Public Safety Committee, and he has partnered with the
21 Northeast Station of the Dallas Police Department to reduce area
22 crime; in addition, he collaborated with the North Central Texas
23 Council of Governments to secure funds for the Garland Road Vision
24 Study; and

1 WHEREAS, A former assistant city attorney and municipal court
2 judge and now council member for District 5, Vonciel Jones Hill
3 chairs the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee; she
4 received the Pleasant Grove Sector Best Public Official Award in
5 2009, and she was also honored by the Southeast Dallas Business and
6 Professional Women's Club that same year; and

7 WHEREAS, Jerry Allen, the District 10 representative, has
8 chaired the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee since 2009, and he
9 has served on a host of other committees; he worked tirelessly to
10 secure passage of the Pay Day Lending Ordinance, which took effect
11 in 2011, and persuaded other cities across the state to adopt
12 similar ordinances; and

13 WHEREAS, Formerly mayor of Dallas, Dwaine Caraway, of
14 District 4, has long been a staunch supporter of municipal
15 employees and Dallas Area Rapid Transit personnel, and he has
16 advocated for business investment and the construction of the
17 convention center hotel; he has been instrumental in closing down
18 crime-plagued motels and drug houses in South Dallas and Oak Cliff;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Council member Carolyn Davis, the representative
21 for District 7, serves on the task force on single-family housing
22 standards, as well as on the boards of a number of community
23 organizations, among them the African American Museum of Dallas;
24 she is a recipient of the Allstate Community Service Award; and

25 WHEREAS, Through their skill, dedication, and
26 professionalism, these esteemed public servants have contributed
27 significantly to the betterment of the city of Dallas, and they may

1 indeed reflect with pride on their accomplishments; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the outgoing members of the Dallas City
5 Council for their exemplary service and extend to them sincere best
6 wishes for continued success in their future endeavors; and, be it
7 further

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