

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 536

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize David Mitzner on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mitzner was born April 11, 1915, into a Jewish family in Warsaw; he grew up in the newly independent Poland, but when German and Soviet armies invaded in 1939 at the onset of World War II, he was cut off from his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Undaunted by events, he established a cross-border business operation to provide for his family in Warsaw; during the course of the war, his mother and sister were killed in the Holocaust, and he was imprisoned for eight years in the Soviet Gulag, where his brother and father were killed; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mitzner fled Communist-controlled Eastern Europe in 1949 and arrived in New York with only \$17 in his pocket; through perseverance and hard work, he rebuilt his family in the United States and became a successful textile manufacturer; and

**WHEREAS**, He moved to Houston in 1980 and founded RIDA Development Corporation, a commercial real estate firm that has helped to create thousands of jobs through the development of numerous office buildings, shopping centers, and major convention hotels; he has been featured on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* and is the recipient of the Polish Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mitzner has lived through extraordinary times and experienced events that most people only know through history books, and his courage in the face of great hardship and adversity exemplifies the indomitability of the human spirit; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend David Mitzner on his many achievements and extend to him best wishes for a joyous 100th birthday celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate