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H.R. No. 2144

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Monique D. Davis retired as the
2 representative for Illinois House District 27 on January 6, 2017,
3 drawing to a close an outstanding career in state government that
4 spanned nearly three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Monique Davis graduated from
6 Calumet High School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees
7 from Chicago State University; she went on to teach in the city's
8 public school system for 18 years before becoming an administrator;
9 her engagement with politics began with her work on the campaigns of
10 U.S. Representative Gus Savage and Chicago mayor Harold Washington,
11 and in 1986, she was elected to represent the South Side of Chicago
12 in the Illinois House; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of her exemplary 29-year tenure as a
14 state legislator, Representative Davis gained a reputation as a
15 tireless advocate for education through her efforts to increase
16 funding for schools, support local libraries, and improve the
17 infrastructure at Chicago State University, and she led the charge
18 in addressing the HIV crisis plaguing the African American
19 community; she also served on the Public Utilities, Elementary and
20 Secondary Education, Juvenile Justice Reform, and State Government
21 Administration Committees, among many others; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2003, Representative Davis sponsored a bill
23 requiring insurance companies in Illinois to publish all their
24 records from the 19th century pertaining to slaves, making a wealth

1 of genealogical information available to African American
2 families; that same year, she and then-State Senator Barack Obama
3 cosponsored legislation mandating that all interrogations for
4 homicide investigations be videotaped and that the race of all
5 people stopped for traffic violations be recorded in order to help
6 prevent racial profiling; and

7 WHEREAS, Strong in her faith, Representative Davis is a
8 member of Trinity United Church of Christ; retirement will allow
9 her to spend more time with her treasured family, which includes her
10 two children, Robert and Monique; and

11 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, hard work, and commitment to
12 public service, Representative Monique Davis has greatly benefited
13 the people of Illinois and earned the respect and admiration of her
14 fellow legislators, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her
15 record of achievement as an elected official; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Monique D. Davis for her
18 outstanding service as a member of the Illinois Legislature and
19 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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