

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Austin in celebrating February 18, 2017, as Verlin Callahan Day; and

WHEREAS, On February 18, friends and family of Verlin Callahan are joining together to celebrate the local legend's 78th birthday and his recent retirement as general manager of Callahan's General Store after 38 years of leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, The Callahan family settled in Central Texas in the 1850s, and in the ensuing years, descendants have played an integral role in the growth and vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Verlin's father, Earl Callahan, worked in partnership with three associates to establish a cattle auction near Austin; he later expanded the auction to include a feed mill; in 1964, Verlin was asked to lead the business, and in 1978, the family built Callahan's General Store on the original auction site; and

WHEREAS, Under Verlin's steady hand, the general store grew to become one of Austin's most iconic family businesses; working alongside many of his family members, he ensured that the store offered customers a unique shopping experience in a friendly environment; in addition to providing feed, fertilizer, western apparel, and hardware to clientele, Verlin worked to make Callahan's a popular destination for local music and community fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Verlin Callahan is a beloved Central Texas resident who is admired for his outstanding civic leadership and his extensive service with the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show and Rodeo; he is a treasured citizen of Texas, and it is indeed fitting that he is being honored in celebration of his birthday and his retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Verlin Callahan for his many contributions to his community and to the state and extend to him best wishes on the occasion of his retirement and his 78th birthday; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 8, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate