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COUNCIL MEMBER PETER BROWN EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR HOUSTON ICON JIM MCINGVALE AND HIS EMPLOYEES

May 22, 2009 - Houston City Council Member Peter Brown expressed his support this morning for Houston icon and philanthropist Jim McIngvale after the tragic fire at his North Houston furniture warehouse. "Like everyone, I'm thankful nobody was injured in the fire, and I am sure Mack and his employees will show that 'Mattress Mack' enthusiasm and rebound from this with the same energy and spirit we have all come to know and admire," said Council Member Brown.

Council Member Brown also commended the Houston Fire Department for their tremendous job in fighting and controlling the four-alarm fire. "I'm thankful the Houston Fire Department was able to prevent the showroom from catching fire," said Council Member Brown. "It is a real testament to our firefighters and their professionalism," he added.

Approximately 150 Houston firefighters are reported to have fought the fire that engulfed the Gallery Furniture warehouse late last night. Fire crews successfully kept the blaze from spreading to the store's 100,000-square-foot showroom on the 6000 block of the North Freeway. No injuries were reported.

Peter Brown, FAIA, AICP, is a third-generation Houstonian, a nationally recognized architect and urban planner, serving his second term on Houston City Council, At-Large Position 1.

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