



**Jerry Davis**  
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### **Community Partners join Council Member Jerry Davis at his 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walking Towards Literacy event in District B**

**HOUSTON — October 26, 2013** —District B Council Member Jerry Davis is pleased to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walking Towards Literacy event, to be held Saturday, October 26th, 2013 from 9am to 1pm at Tidwell Park Community Center. Walking Towards Literacy is a free event geared to promote literacy as a pathway to success. Several community partners will be participating in this event providing books, health and wellness screenings, arts and crafts for the children, and more.

Throughout the month of October volunteers have been reading to students at nine elementary schools in Northeast Houston: Atherton, Cook, Dogan, Henderson, Kashmere Gardens, Lakewood, McGowan, Betsy Ross, and Osborne. “The current District B profile reveals as of 2010, 44.6% of District B minors are living in poverty. Only 31% of District B residents have achieved a high school diploma or its equivalent. The high level of correlation between income and literacy are clear. Our month of reading was truly a success and I am excited to conclude with this literacy awareness walk. As we embark on this journey we hope to improve the literacy rate among District B youth. I am elated that we have been able to foster a partnership with the Houston Independent School District, with the goal of improving the future of our communities,” said Council Member Davis.

The event will start off with a two mile-long walk along the trail at Tidwell Park to Forest Brook Middle School and back where walk participants can enjoy the festivities. Several elected officials are scheduled to attend and address the community.

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