

Introduced by: Councilmember Grimes

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2013-1
RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
BARRY AND ANNIE SOLAN AND VIDEO AMERICAIN**

WHEREAS, Barry and Annie Solan opened Takoma Park's Video Americain outlet in 1995;
and

WHEREAS, the Solans created, in Video Americain, a cultural crossroads for Takoma Park
residents of all ages and backgrounds and a place to see and catch up with
neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, generations of Takoma Park kids first learned about film in that funky community
hangout, where dogs were welcome; and

WHEREAS, the Solans and the staff they employed were friendly, engaged, and
knowledgeable about an inventory of tens of thousands of movies and TV shows
ranging from Hollywood blockbusters to quirky independents, from international
classics to frivolous entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Video Americain valiantly held on in the face of Internet competition, a tribute to
a community oriented model that still has appeal in Takoma Park even as new
technologies render old ways unprofitable; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park wishes to thank and honor the Solans and Video
Americain for having bettered our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK recognizes and appreciates Barry and Annie Solan and Video Americain for
their 18 year presence in Takoma Park, which immeasurably enriched our community.

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2013.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk