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H.R. No. 1

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sammie Ward of Sam's Barber Shop in San Antonio has
2 distinguished himself as a leader in his community through his
3 efforts as a businessman, an advocate, and a local historian; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Gonzales, Sam Ward began cutting hair at
5 Randolph Air Force Base, and at the age of 75, he is one of the
6 oldest Black barbers still working in San Antonio; for several
7 decades, he has been serving his customers at Sam's Barber Shop at
8 East Commerce Street, on the East Side of San Antonio; over the
9 years, he has cut the hair of multiple generations of the same
10 families, and his shop has established itself as a place where area
11 residents can gather to share stories, build relationships, and
12 discuss issues of importance to the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has long been a stalwart supporter of his
14 neighborhood, serving as its unofficial historian, as a mentor and
15 counselor to younger people, and as an advocate for new businesses;
16 his wisdom and generosity have earned him many loyal customers, and
17 during the COVID-19 pandemic, he volunteered his shop as a site for
18 delivering vaccinations to the public as part of the "Shots at the
19 Shop" initiative; and

20 WHEREAS, Those Texas businesspeople who build a record of
21 dependability and longevity enjoy a special degree of esteem in
22 their communities, and for many years, Sam Ward has been a beloved
23 and respected champion for the East Side of San Antonio; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Sammie Ward for his
3 long service to his community and extend to him sincere best wishes
4 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Ward as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.