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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For many years, Estine Davis has owned and operated
2 Estine Eastside Barber Shop in El Paso, and her long tenure as a
3 notable figure in the city's Black community is truly deserving of
4 special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in East Texas in 1932, Ms. E. Davis moved to El
6 Paso at the age of six; after graduating from the Douglass School,
7 the city's segregated school for Black students, she attended
8 barber college in Tyler, Texas, and returned to El Paso to work at
9 Fort Bliss, Logan Heights, and Biggs Air Force Base, charging \$1.50
10 per haircut; she was subsequently employed with Square Deal
11 Barbershop on Piedras Street near Alameda Avenue before joining the
12 shop of her godfather, Roscoe Marlin, on the same street, and in
13 1962, she took over the shop; and

14 WHEREAS, Because it was situated in what was then the city's
15 east side, Ms. E. Davis named her business Estine Eastside Barber
16 Shop, and through the years, it became a gathering place for El
17 Paso's Black community; she also established Estine Fashion Models,
18 and she played a leading role in the Miss Black El Paso pageant for
19 many years; in addition, she created numerous floats for the Sun
20 Bowl Parade; she further contributed to her fellow citizens by
21 cofounding the nonprofit McCall Neighborhood Center in 1983; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Ms. E. Davis has cut hair and
23 shared her strong opinions with many future leaders, including El
24 Paso chief of police Greg Allen, Judge Marc Carter of Houston, Ron

1 Stallworth, author of the book *Black Klansman*, Nolan Richardson, a
2 Hall of Fame college basketball coach, and retired U.S. Army Major
3 General Dana Pittard, a former commander of Fort Bliss; she has also
4 cut the hair of such visiting celebrities as musician Little
5 Richard and members of the Harlem Globetrotters; and

6 WHEREAS, Business has slowed because of the COVID-19
7 pandemic, but Ms. E. Davis celebrated her 88th birthday in December
8 2020 with no plans to retire; her shop still features four red
9 barber chairs and a 1950s-vintage rotary dial pay phone, and today
10 she charges \$13 for a basic haircut; for more than 70 years, she has
11 been an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where she has served
12 in many leadership positions, including trainer and supervisor of
13 the junior, teenage, and senior usher boards; she is the proud
14 mother of two sons, retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael E.
15 P. Davis and the late William Davis Jr.; and

16 WHEREAS, Estine Davis's strong work ethic and vivacious
17 spirit have made her a beloved figure in El Paso, and she may indeed
18 take great pride in her nearly seven decades of service to area
19 residents; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commend Estine Davis for her contributions to
22 her community and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
23 success and happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Ms. E. Davis as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.