

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 554**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Colonel Heidi V. Brown, who has been selected as a role model for the City of El Paso by the *El Paso Times* on the occasion of Women's History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is celebrated annually during the month of March; to honor the vital roles women play in shaping new directions and ideas in society, the national theme of Women's History Month in 2003 is "Women Pioneering the Future"; and

**WHEREAS**, For its selection of women who serve as role models for the City of El Paso, the *El Paso Times* invited its readers to nominate women who have made a strong impact on their family, their neighborhood, or the entire city; the many deserving women who were selected for this public recognition are genuine trailblazers in a wide variety of fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Heidi Brown, commander of the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss, is the first woman from El Paso to graduate from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and the first woman to command a Patriot air defense battalion; she earned a bachelor's degree from West Point and a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina; she has received numerous commendations and was named one of the most influential women of the year by The Women's Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate; and

**WHEREAS**, With her many gifts and talents and through her initiative and perseverance, Colonel Brown has set a lasting standard for others to emulate; and

**WHEREAS**, Her worthy accomplishments and her pioneering spirit truly make Heidi Brown an inspiration for all citizens of El Paso and a source of pride for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Colonel Heidi V. Brown on her selection as a role model for the City of El Paso; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate