

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the Ella Austin Community
2 Center has provided services that offer hope and assistance to San
3 Antonio residents in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Named in honor of Ella Austin, who opened her heart
5 and her home to orphaned African American children in the late
6 1800s, the center aims to bring about culturally diverse
7 communities that are physically, mentally, socially, and
8 economically healthy places for people to live to their maximum
9 potential despite income, racial, and educational barriers; and

10 WHEREAS, To that end, the Ella Austin Community Center offers
11 a host of opportunities for area residents, positively affecting
12 more than 10,000 individuals and families annually; programs
13 available at the center encompass Early Childhood Development,
14 providing child care and education for kids ranging in age from six
15 weeks to 11 years; Precious Minds, New Connections, an eight-week
16 parenting course; Youth and Family Services, offering in-school
17 counseling, tutoring, and after-school and summer activities;
18 Artists-in-the-Making, a program giving low-income middle
19 school-age students instruction in drawing, painting, mixed media,
20 and sculpture; Individual and Family Assistance, making emergency
21 assistance available for families in crisis; Holiday Programs,
22 offering families in need special holiday meals and presents;
23 Seniors Program, providing several thousand nutritious meals
24 monthly to homebound elderly residents; and the Volunteers Income

1 Tax Assistance (VITA) program, preparing free tax filings for
2 low-income citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the Ella Austin Community Center
4 has had a profound impact on the lives of countless San Antonio
5 residents and the organization and its caring and compassionate
6 staff are indeed deserving of special recognition for their
7 continuing efforts in this regard; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Ella Austin
10 Community Center for the many significant contributions it has made
11 to area citizens; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

McClendon

H.R. No. 307

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 307 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House