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H.R. No. 307

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.