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H.R. No. 1202

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ted Bender was honored in January 2005 by the Martin
2 Luther King, Jr., Committee of El Paso for his role in helping to
3 end segregation in the city more than four decades ago; and

4 WHEREAS, A resident of El Paso since 1949, Mr. Bender served
5 as an alderman on the city council from 1957 to 1963 and voted for an
6 ordinance in 1962 that ended enforced segregation in public places,
7 including restaurants, motels, and movie theaters; and

8 WHEREAS, The freedoms our citizens enjoy today are not only a
9 testament to the courageous work of the late Dr. King, but also to
10 the efforts of countless men and women like Mr. Bender, whose
11 dedication to justice and racial equality resulted in positive
12 social change; and

13 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and unwavering devotion to
14 establishing a fully inclusive and integrated El Paso, Ted Bender
15 has left an indelible mark on the city he is proud to call home, and
16 it is indeed a pleasure to honor him at this time; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend Ted Bender for his work toward
20 desegregation in El Paso and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Bender as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.