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H.R. No. 618

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Philip's College in San Antonio is unveiling the
2 Honorable Ruth Jones McClendon Collection with a ribbon-cutting
3 ceremony on February 28, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Ruth Jones McClendon served on the San Antonio City
5 Council for three years before winning election to the District 120
6 seat in the Texas House of Representatives in 1996; over the course
7 of two decades of service in the state legislature, she gained
8 prominence for her advocacy in behalf of children and the elderly;
9 moreover, she distinguished herself as chair of the Rules and
10 Resolutions Committee and as chair of budget and oversight for the
11 Pensions and Investments Committee, as well as through her work as a
12 member of the Appropriations Committee and numerous other
13 committees; she is the recipient of a host of awards and honors,
14 including the 2006 Regional and State Legislator of the Year Awards
15 from the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards and the 2009
16 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Texas Criminal Justice
17 Coalition; she retired from office on January 31, 2016; and

18 WHEREAS, St. Philip's College, which is the only institution
19 of higher education in the country to be federally designated as
20 both a Historically Black College and a Hispanic-Serving
21 Institution, has amassed an impressive collection of materials from
22 Ms. McClendon's time in office at both the municipal and state
23 levels; highlights from the archive are being placed on display,
24 including awards, certificates, diplomas, books, and photographs,

1 all of which help provide insight into her life and career; and

2 WHEREAS, A highly esteemed stateswoman, Ruth Jones McClendon
3 served her fellow citizens with tremendous commitment and
4 enthusiasm for nearly a quarter century; this collection stands as
5 a fitting tribute to her legacy, and it is sure to be a source of
6 inspiration for others who aspire to work in behalf of their
7 community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the
10 Honorable Ruth Jones McClendon Collection at St. Philip's College
11 and commend all those who helped bring this worthwhile project to
12 fruition; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for St. Philip's College as an expression of high regard
15 by the Texas House of Representatives.