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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shallie Monroe Bey Jr. of Fort Worth made history by
2 becoming the first African American and the youngest individual to
3 serve as superintendent of the United States Mint in Philadelphia,
4 Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on March 26, 1949, in Gary, Indiana, Mr. Bey
6 studied electrical engineering and earned a bachelor's degree from
7 Purdue University in 1971 and a master of business administration
8 degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1977; from 1971 to
9 1973, he worked as an engineer for the Sun Oil Company in Toledo,
10 Ohio, before joining a Sun Oil subsidiary, the Alliance Enterprise
11 Corporation in Philadelphia, which he went on to lead as president
12 and director; in 1977, he became planning coordinator for the Sun
13 Oil location in Radnor, Pennsylvania, and was tasked with
14 overseeing the operations of six subsidiaries; he has also served
15 as a resident engineer for the Minority Introduction to Engineering
16 Program at Purdue, where he was named a Distinguished Engineering
17 Alumnus in 1979; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Bey was nominated for the prestigious position
19 of superintendent of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia by President
20 Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1976, and he held
21 the office until 1980; in that role, he was responsible for the
22 operation of the largest mint in the country; in addition, he served
23 as the industrial representative to the Office of Minority Affairs
24 and the Department of State; and

1 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman's myriad accomplishments
2 have also included serving as the keynote speaker for a 1981 Black
3 History Month luncheon held by the Washington Chapter of the
4 Association for the Study of African American Life and History;
5 Mr. Bey is a dedicated member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.,
6 CityEquity, USA, Inc., and the New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist
7 Church in Fort Worth, where he has volunteered his time as a
8 business and life skills coach; in commemoration of Black History
9 Month, he was recently recognized by his church with a 2019 Stone of
10 Hope Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Shallie Bey has distinguished himself through his
12 contributions to his profession, his community, and his fellow
13 Americans, and the lifelong achievements of this remarkable
14 individual are a source of inspiration to many; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Shallie Monroe Bey Jr., the first African
18 American and the youngest ever superintendent of the U.S. Mint in
19 Philadelphia, and extend to him sincere gratitude for his public
20 service; and, be it further

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