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H.R. No. 14

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tonya Nixon became the first black woman to win  
2 election as a Travis County constable in November 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, An East Austin native, Constable Nixon received more  
4 than 60 percent of the Precinct 1 vote in the primary and ran  
5 unopposed in November; she previously broke barriers as the first  
6 black female sergeant in the precinct and served with distinction  
7 for 16 years; in her campaign, she emphasized the importance of  
8 increasing engagement with the community and dismantling the  
9 school-to-prison pipeline; and

10 WHEREAS, Constable Nixon has completed extensive  
11 professional training and holds an Advanced Peace Officer  
12 Proficiency Certificate and Civil Process Proficiency  
13 Certification; in addition, she attended Austin Community College,  
14 Colorado Technical University, and Virginia College; she is a  
15 member of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association, and  
16 she was appointed to serve on the Civil Process Education Committee  
17 for the Texas Justice Court Training Center; in 2017, she was a  
18 panelist at the Big Data & Community Policing Conference, and the  
19 following year, she was a panelist at the Excellence and  
20 Advancement Foundation "Counselors Over Cops" event; and

21 WHEREAS, Long active in the community, Constable Nixon has  
22 volunteered frequently and taken on many leadership roles; she is a  
23 member of the Eastern Travis County Colony Park Advisory Committee  
24 and of the National Council of Negro Women; and

1           WHEREAS, Throughout her career in law enforcement, Tonya  
2 Nixon has upheld the highest standards of public service, and she  
3 brings to her new responsibilities energy, enthusiasm, and a strong  
4 commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Tonya Nixon on her election as the  
7 first black female constable in Travis County and extend to her  
8 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Constable Nixon as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.