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H.R. No. 1816

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, San Antonio businessman Charles E. Williams Sr. has  
2 earned the admiration of innumerable people as a pillar of the East  
3 Side community; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Granger in 1937, Charles Williams grew up on  
5 a farm and excelled as an athlete at the Crispus Attucks High  
6 School; after graduating from Tyler Barber College, he moved to San  
7 Antonio and rented a chair at Taylor's Barber Shop; he opened his  
8 own establishment six years later and then became the first African  
9 American to buy property on W. W. White Road; active in the civil  
10 rights movement, he took part in marches, picket lines, and lunch  
11 counter demonstrations; he also advocated for the renaming of  
12 Nebraska Street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams opened many successful businesses over  
14 the years, including a beauty supply store, a catering company, and  
15 a car wash, and he invested in residential real estate, as well; in  
16 the early 1990s, he founded Williams Barber College, which became  
17 an East Side institution, and he was appointed chair of the State  
18 Board of Barber Examiners; he mentored many aspiring entrepreneurs  
19 and eventually sold the school to a younger barber; dedicated to the  
20 community, he served on the city's zoning commission; when he  
21 opened the Landmark Coffee Shop in a renovated building in 2009, he  
22 included community meeting space and displayed portraits of local  
23 luminaries who had inspired his drive for excellence; he has  
24 received numerous accolades through the years, and Charles Williams

1 Place street is named in his honor; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles Williams has proven himself a business and  
3 civic leader of great vision and ability, and he may reflect with  
4 pride on his successful efforts to make San Antonio's East Side an  
5 even better place for all; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Charles E. Williams Sr. for his  
8 contributions to his community and extend to him sincere best  
9 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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