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H.R. No. 1880

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our communities draw immeasurable strength from
2 individuals such as Liz Franklin of the Ella Austin Community
3 Center, whose tireless work in behalf of area citizens has
4 contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Antonio;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Liz Franklin is a proud military veteran and
7 community activist, and she currently serves as interim chief
8 executive officer of the Ella Austin Community Center; founded by
9 African American community leader Ella Austin in 1897, the center
10 began as the Ella Austin Orphans Home on Burnet Street; it was
11 converted to a community center in 1968 and relocated to a former
12 middle school on Pine Street; today the center is one of the few
13 agencies offering comprehensive social services on the East Side of
14 the city, ranging from early childhood development programs to
15 services for senior citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to her contributions to the community
17 center, Ms. Franklin is the organizer of Dig That Jazz on the Hill,
18 a free virtual music festival sponsored by the Dig That Jazz
19 Committee and friends of Dignowity Hill, which honors veterans,
20 active military personnel, and military service organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, The city of San Antonio is indeed fortunate to have
22 such passionate and engaged citizens as Liz Franklin, whose history
23 of activism and civic involvement is an inspiration to all who know
24 her; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Liz Franklin for her service as interim
3 chief executive officer of the Ella Austin Community Center and
4 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her
5 important work; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Ms. Franklin as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.