

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Aaronetta Pierce of San Antonio has greatly  
2 benefited her fellow citizens as a dynamic advocate for African  
3 American art, culture, and history; and

4           WHEREAS, In early 2021, Mrs. Pierce was appointed as one of  
5 the tri-chairs of the Alamo Citizens Advisory Committee; the  
6 committee was established by the city council to create a vision and  
7 guiding principles for the redevelopment of Alamo Plaza and the  
8 surrounding area; traditionally serving as the city's central  
9 public forum, the plaza includes a civil rights landmark, the  
10 100-year-old Woolworth Building, which was the site of the South's  
11 first peaceful desegregation of a lunch counter; Mrs. Pierce has  
12 championed its preservation as a prominent member of the Coalition  
13 for the Woolworth Building; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Pierce has been active in the community for  
15 decades; in 1985, she became the first Black woman appointed to the  
16 Texas Commission on the Arts; she chaired the Martin Luther King  
17 City/County Commission as it organized the city's inaugural Martin  
18 Luther King Jr. Day celebrations, and she also chaired a  
19 blue-ribbon committee that led to the creation of the city's  
20 Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs; as a member of the San  
21 Antonio Museum Association board, she was instrumental in bringing  
22 the first important survey of African American art to the city; she  
23 and her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Pierce Jr., founded Premier Artworks  
24 to promote the work of African American artists and authors across

1 the country; and

2           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Pierce has served on the boards  
3 of a host of worthy organizations, including the San Antonio  
4 Performing Arts Association, the San Antonio Area Foundation, the  
5 Witte Museum, the Spurs Foundation, and United Way; among numerous  
6 accolades, she was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in  
7 1993; and

8           WHEREAS, Aaronetta Pierce has made a lasting, positive  
9 imprint on San Antonio through her wide-ranging contributions, and  
10 she continues to dedicate herself to the betterment of the city;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Aaronetta Pierce for her civic leadership  
14 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mrs. Pierce as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

Gervin-Hawkins

H.R. No. 1963

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1963 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House