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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.