

By: Menéndez

S.R. No. 2

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past two and a half decades, Renee Watson has
2 served her community with distinction as the director of the Bexar
3 County Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department; and

4 WHEREAS, In this role, Ms. Watson's responsibilities include
5 overseeing the county's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business
6 Enterprise Program and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program,
7 as well as serving as the U.S. Department of Transportation Title VI
8 coordinator and as a member of the county manager's Executive
9 Leadership Team; moreover, she works with other public entities,
10 community organizations, and vendors to promote participation and
11 to ensure access to contracting, professional services, and local,
12 state, federal, and private-sector procurement opportunities, and
13 she also reviews current practices to recommend improvements; and

14 WHEREAS, Civically engaged, Ms. Watson is an alumnus of
15 several professional development programs, such as Leadership
16 SAISD, Leadership Texas, and Leadership San Antonio; she has
17 received numerous accolades through the years in recognition of her
18 myriad contributions, including the Champion for Diversity &
19 Inclusion Award and the 40 Under 40 Award from the *San Antonio*
20 *Business Journal*, the Servant Leader Award from the Blacks In
21 Government San Antonio Chapter, and the Athena Leadership Award
22 from the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Watson holds a master contract compliance
24 administrator certificate from Morgan State University, a master's

1 degree in urban planning and rural economic development from Baruch
2 College at The City University of New York, and a bachelor's degree
3 in management and marketing from The University of Texas at
4 San Antonio; previously, she served as chief of staff for Texas
5 Senator Rodney Ellis and San Diego, California, City Council Member
6 George Stevens; and

7 WHEREAS, The dedication, hard work, and commitment to
8 excellence that Renee Watson has demonstrated have greatly
9 benefited the San Antonio community and earned her the respect and
10 admiration of her colleagues, and she is indeed deserving of
11 recognition for her outstanding efforts; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
13 Called Session, hereby commend Renee Watson for her 25 years of
14 service as director of the Bexar County Small Business and
15 Entrepreneurship Department and extend to her sincere best wishes
16 for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Ms. Watson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 Senate.