

SENATE RESOLUTION 2

Whereas Geneva Knauls was born Geneva Frazier on December 24th, 1935, in Minden, Louisiana; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls' parents moved the family to Vancouver, Washington, shortly after; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls finished barber school in 1962 and worked at Cash and Maxey's Barber Shop as one of only a handful of female barbers in Portland; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls married Paul Knauls on September 19th, 1965, and together they purchased a property to found Geneva's Shear Perfection Barber and Beauty Salon; and

Whereas Geneva's Shear Perfection now employs 13 barbers and beauticians and is open seven days a week; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls and her husband and business partner, Paul Knauls, also owned and operated the Cotton Club, Paul's and Geneva's Restaurant and Lounge, clubs that became staples of Portland's African-American night life scene; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, the Urban League of

Portland, the Ebony Rose Ski Club, the Bubbling Brown Sugars social club and the Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority, Alpha Mu Beta chapter; and

Whereas throughout her life Geneva Knauls won many business and professional awards and accolades, including the Business Excellence Award, the King Neighborhood Business Award and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Women of Excellence Award; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls passed away on December 20, 2014; and

Whereas Geneva Knauls was a luminary and will be remembered for her support of many grassroots projects and organizations and her services to the community; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the life and achievements of Geneva Knauls, entrepreneur and community leader; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Geneva Knauls as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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