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RECOGNIZING THE RETURN TO OUR EL PASO ROOTS REUNION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

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in the House of Representatives

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Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Return to Our El Paso Roots Reunion. This reunion, which originally started as a decennial reunion of the Douglass Grammar and High School alumni, will honor the contributions and heritage of the African American community in El Paso, Texas.

There is special importance in passing down the rich history and culture that we experience throughout our lives and this event seeks to do exactly that. The reunion serves as an opportunity for participants to share stories, explore the growth of El Paso's African American community, and support the University of Texas at El Paso's Black Alumni Network (UBAN) and the McCall Neighborhood Center; both fundamental to El Paso's history and our enduring commitment to upholding civil rights in our community and across the United States. As a native El Pasoan, it is an honor to recognize the Return to our El Paso Roots Reunion in the House of Representatives. I commend their work and contributions to our community and wish them a successful series of events.