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Meeting Dates: 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** In memoriam: Geneva Knauls, 1935-2014.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Luminary, entrepreneur and community leader Geneva Knauls passed away on December 20, 2014.

After moving to the Northwest as a small child, she went on to graduate from barber school and began work as one of only a handful of female barbers in Portland. In 1965, she married Paul Knauls and together they founded Geneva's Shear Perfection Barber and Beauty Salon, a business which now employs 13 barbers and beautician. In addition, the couple owned and operated the Cotton Club, Paul's and Geneva's Restaurant and Lounge, both clubs were staples of Portland's African-American night life scene.

Throughout her life Knauls was recognized with 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. She will be remembered for her support of many grassroots projects and organizations and her services to the community.

Senate Resolution 2 honors and celebrates the life and achievements of Geneva Knauls.