

1-1 By: Hall, Eckhardt S.C.R. No. 48
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 28, 2023; May 4, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Springer</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Alvarado</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Johnson</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Menéndez</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Middleton</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Parker</u>	X		

1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Justin Dart Jr. made a lasting, positive difference
1-17 in the lives of countless Americans through his work to empower
1-18 people with disabilities; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1930, Justin Dart
1-20 contracted polio in 1948; he found his purpose after beating a grim
1-21 prognosis of imminent death; his legs paralyzed, he relied on a
1-22 wheelchair for mobility and gained a deep understanding of the
1-23 challenges faced by others as well; after graduating from the
1-24 University of Houston, where he earned both a bachelor's degree and
1-25 a master's degree in history, he embarked on a business career; and

1-26 WHEREAS, After working with Tupperware Japan, Mr. Dart
1-27 settled in Texas in 1974, and six years later, he was named to the
1-28 Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities; he served as its
1-29 inaugural chair, and in 1981, he was also appointed vice chair of
1-30 the National Council on Disabilities by President Ronald Reagan;
1-31 the council drafted a policy to end centuries of discrimination,
1-32 laying the groundwork for the Americans with Disabilities Act; at
1-33 the end of the decade, as chair of the Congressional Task Force on
1-34 the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities, Mr. Dart
1-35 helped craft the language of the ADA; he then barnstormed across the
1-36 country to galvanize support for the legislation, visiting each
1-37 state five times and addressing crowds in his trademark cowboy hat
1-38 and boots; President George H. W. Bush signed the ADA into law on
1-39 July 26, 1990; and

1-40 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Dart further served as
1-41 commissioner of the Education Department's Rehabilitation Service
1-42 Administration, as chair of the president's Committee on Employment
1-43 of People with Disabilities, as president-elect of the National
1-44 Rehabilitation Association, and as a member of the National Council
1-45 on Disability; in 1998, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of
1-46 Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; he died on June 22,
1-47 2002, at the age of 71; and

1-48 WHEREAS, Often called one of the fathers of the ADA, Justin
1-49 Dart was widely known for his rallying cry, "Lead On!"; his
1-50 visionary activism effected transformative change for people with
1-51 disabilities, and it would be most fitting to name the new transit
1-52 amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex the
1-53 "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in his honor; now, therefore, be it

1-54 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-55 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the new
1-56 transit amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex
1-57 the "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in honor of Justin Dart; and, be it
1-58 further

1-59 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
1-60 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the
1-61 Texas Facilities Commission.

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