

1-1 By: Barrientos S.C.R. No. 21  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 30, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
1-4 April 27, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 27, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, LeRoy Colombo served as a lifeguard in Galveston for  
1-8 over 40 years and was recognized by the *Guinness Book of World*  
1-9 *Records* for having saved over 900 lives; although he became deaf and  
1-10 was paralyzed as a child as the result of a devastating illness, he  
1-11 regained his ability to walk and swim by using swimming as  
1-12 rehabilitation; and

1-13 WHEREAS, LeRoy Colombo was born December 23, 1905, in  
1-14 Galveston; a bout with spinal meningitis at the age of seven left  
1-15 him unable to hear or to walk; he began swimming and within a year he  
1-16 could walk again, but he never recovered his hearing; and

1-17 WHEREAS, He began attending the Texas School for the Deaf in  
1-18 Austin and swam in the campus pool for hours; by the age of 18 he had  
1-19 become a member of the elite Surf Toboggan Club; the club tested  
1-20 prospective members by requiring them to swim continuously for  
1-21 three hours; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Over the course of his decades-long career as a  
1-23 lifeguard, LeRoy saved a record-setting 907 people from drowning;  
1-24 he retired at the age of 62 but continued to swim in the Gulf of  
1-25 Mexico every day until his death on July 12, 1974; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Section 2165.005, Government Code, establishes a  
1-27 procedure for the naming of a state building by requiring that the  
1-28 proposed designation be submitted to the Texas Building and  
1-29 Procurement Commission and that a concurrent resolution  
1-30 authorizing the designation be passed by the legislature and signed  
1-31 by the governor; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Mr. Colombo was an esteemed citizen of this state  
1-33 and his achievements in the face of adversity provide inspiration  
1-34 to all Texans; the naming of the natatorium at the Texas School for  
1-35 the Deaf in Austin in his honor would provide a fitting opportunity  
1-36 for all Texans to pay tribute to LeRoy Colombo; now, therefore, be  
1-37 it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-39 hereby approve and authorize the naming of the natatorium at the  
1-40 Texas School for the Deaf in Austin the LeRoy Colombo Swim Center;  
1-41 and, be it further

1-42 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
1-43 copy of this resolution to the executive director of the Texas  
1-44 Building and Procurement Commission.

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