

By: Gallegos

S.C.R. No. 5

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Naming the Texas Department of Transportation  
2 (TxDOT) office in Houston after State Senator John Whitmire would  
3 be a fitting tribute to a Texas legislator who has provided more  
4 than 30 years of extraordinary public service to the Houston  
5 community and the State of Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas Senate in 1982 after  
7 serving 10 years in the Texas House of Representatives and  
8 currently the longest-serving member of the Texas Senate, Senator  
9 Whitmire uses his seniority as Dean of the Senate to provide  
10 leadership in resolving local and state issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Appointed to the Senate Finance Committee,  
12 conference committees on the state budget, and the Legislative  
13 Budget Board, Senator Whitmire has distinguished himself as a  
14 champion of public education, children's health insurance, mental  
15 health services, public safety, and transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, His commitment to making Texas both tough and smart  
17 on crime led *Texas Monthly* magazine to name him one of the Top Ten  
18 Best Legislators in 2003 and 2005, and he continues to advocate for  
19 improving probation and alleviating prison overcrowding in his role  
20 as chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Whitmire is truly a native son of Houston,  
22 having graduated from Waltrip High School before earning a bachelor  
23 of arts degree in political science from the University of Houston  
24 and attending that university's Bates College of Law; his

1 accomplishments as the voice of Senate District 15 in the Texas  
2 Senate include ensuring research and excellence funding for the  
3 University of Houston; and

4 WHEREAS, The TxDOT office in Houston at 7721 Washington has  
5 never been named, and it is indeed fitting to honor Senator  
6 Whitmire's invaluable contributions to his community and state by  
7 naming the office after him; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 2165.005, Government Code, establishes a  
9 procedure for the naming of state office buildings, requiring a  
10 combination of Texas Building and Procurement Commission  
11 submission and legislative authorization and approval; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby approve and authorize the naming of the Texas Department of  
15 Transportation office in Houston after State Senator John Whitmire;  
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward official copies  
18 of this resolution to the chair of the Texas Building and  
19 Procurement Commission.