

1-1 By: Branch (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.C.R. No. 1  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2013;  
 1-3 May 2, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 15, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11			X	
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14			X	
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.C.R. No. 1 By: Uresti

1-17 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, John Goodwin Tower greatly benefited his state and  
 1-19 his nation through his dedicated public service, including nearly a  
 1-20 quarter-century in the United States Senate; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on September 29, 1925, John Tower  
 1-22 served in the United States Navy during World War II on an  
 1-23 amphibious gunboat in the Pacific; he was discharged as a seaman  
 1-24 first class and remained active in the naval reserve until 1989,  
 1-25 when he retired with the rank of master chief boatswain's mate; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Senator Tower earned a bachelor's degree in  
 1-27 political science at Southwestern University and a master's degree  
 1-28 in the same discipline at Southern Methodist University; he  
 1-29 accepted a position as an assistant professor at Midwestern  
 1-30 University in the early 1950s and continued his studies at the  
 1-31 London School of Economics; and

1-32 WHEREAS, He soon became a rising star in conservative  
 1-33 politics, and in 1960, he was elected as the first Republican  
 1-34 senator from Texas since Reconstruction; Senator Tower took on  
 1-35 numerous committee assignments in Washington and played a key role  
 1-36 in the modernization and expansion of the military as chair of the  
 1-37 Armed Services Committee and as a member of the Joint Committee on  
 1-38 Defense Production; he also served on the Labor and Public Welfare  
 1-39 and Banking and Currency Committees, among many others; he was  
 1-40 known for his skill at guiding legislation through Congress, and he  
 1-41 sought to stimulate economic growth, increase small business  
 1-42 opportunities, improve transportation systems, and encourage  
 1-43 strong financial institutions; working diligently in behalf of his  
 1-44 fellow Texans, he promoted agriculture as well as the energy,  
 1-45 fishing, and maritime industries; and

1-46 WHEREAS, After retiring from Congress in 1985, Senator Tower  
 1-47 served as President Ronald Reagan's strategic arms negotiator in  
 1-48 Geneva, and he further assisted the president by advocating for  
 1-49 ratification of a medium-range nuclear weapons treaty with the  
 1-50 Soviet Union; in late 1986, President Reagan appointed him as chair  
 1-51 of the special review board assigned to investigate the Iran-contra  
 1-52 scandals; and

1-53 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan established a consulting company  
 1-54 in Dallas that served some of the nation's largest weapons  
 1-55 manufacturers, and from 1986 to 1988, he taught political science  
 1-56 as a distinguished lecturer at Southern Methodist University; in  
 1-57 1990, President Bush named him chair of the President's Foreign  
 1-58 Intelligence Advisory Board; tragically, he died in a plane crash  
 1-59 the following year; and

1-60 WHEREAS, Through his leadership in national security and

2-1 foreign policy issues, John Tower made vital contributions to the  
2-2 United States, and his tireless efforts to advance the interests of  
2-3 the Lone Star State earned the lasting appreciation of his fellow  
2-4 Texans; naming the State Insurance Building in the Capitol Complex  
2-5 in his honor would provide a most fitting tribute to his outstanding  
2-6 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it  
2-7       RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
2-8 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to rename the State  
2-9 Insurance Building the John G. Tower State Office Building as a  
2-10 lasting tribute to this esteemed Texan; and, be it further  
2-11       RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
2-12 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the  
2-13 Texas Facilities Commission.

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