

By: Giddings

H.C.R. No. 114

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr. dedicated his life to  
2 public service representing and protecting the citizens of the  
3 State of Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, The Honorable Mr. Bentsen was born in Mission,  
5 Texas, and began his lifelong pursuit of public service by earning a  
6 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America  
7 before attending and graduating from the University of Texas School  
8 of Law in 1942; and

9           WHEREAS, The Honorable Mr. Bentsen then served his as a pilot  
10 for the Army Air Corps from 1942 through 1945 during which time he  
11 flew thirty five missions over Germany, Romania, and Italy among  
12 theaters so hostile that he was shot down twice, and during this  
13 time of service, he was promoted to a major and in that position was  
14 in control of over 600 Allied troops and the operations of 15 bomber  
15 aircrafts and their crew; and

16           WHEREAS, after his service to the Country during World War  
17 II, The Honorable Mr. Bentsen served his hometown Rio Grande Valley  
18 area from 1946 to 1955 as a County Judge and as a Member in the House  
19 of Representatives for three terms before he enjoyed a successful  
20 stint in the private sector until 1970 when he returned to public  
21 service; and

22           WHEREAS, The Honorable Mr. Bentsen then in 1970 was elected  
23 to the United States Congress and proudly served until 1993, when he  
24 retired from the Senate to accept President Clinton's nomination as

1 the Secretary of the Treasury; and

2 WHEREAS, the legacy of The Honorable Mr. Bentsen includes  
3 landmark legislation including the guidance and passage of the  
4 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the creation of Individual  
5 Retirement Accounts, and legislation protecting low income women  
6 and children by providing easier access to health care; and,

7 WHEREAS, in addition to his legislative legacy, The Honorable  
8 Mr. Bentsen was recognized by the University of Texas Health  
9 Science Center of Houston for his contribution and support to  
10 advance the healthcare provided to stroke victims; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, that the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby direct the Texas Workforce Commission to rename the Texas  
14 Workforce Commission building to the Lloyd M. Bentsen State Office  
15 Building; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
17 copy of this resolution to the chair and executive director of the  
18 Texas Workforce Commission.