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H.C.R. No. 89

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr., former
2 United States senator and secretary of the Department of the
3 Treasury, dedicated his life to public service; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mission, Secretary Bentsen graduated from
5 The University of Texas School of Law and then served his country as
6 a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945; a recipient of
7 the Distinguished Flying Cross, he flew 35 missions over Germany,
8 Romania, and Italy and was shot down twice; he led 600 Allied troops
9 and guided the operations of 15 bombers, and he attained the rank of
10 colonel; and

11 WHEREAS, Secretary Bentsen returned to his hometown after the
12 war, serving the Rio Grande Valley as Hidalgo County judge until
13 1948, when he was elected to the first of three terms in the
14 U.S. House of Representatives; he then enjoyed success in the
15 private sector before winning election to the U.S. Senate in 1970;
16 following 22 years in that office, he retired from Congress to
17 accept President Bill Clinton's nomination as the secretary of the
18 treasury; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and exceptionally
20 distinguished career in Congress, Secretary Bentsen played a key
21 role in the passage of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act,
22 the creation of Individual Retirement Accounts, and the enactment
23 of legislation protecting low-income women and children by
24 providing easier access to health care; his legacy of achievement

1 earned him numerous accolades, including the Presidential Medal of
2 Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; he was recognized by
3 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for his
4 work to support advancements in medical care for stroke victims;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Secretary Bentsen passed away in 2006 at the age of
7 85 after having made vital contributions to this state and nation,
8 and his tireless endeavors in behalf of his fellow Americans
9 deserve lasting respect and appreciation; naming the Texas
10 Workforce Commission Building in the Capitol Complex in his honor
11 would provide a most fitting tribute to his outstanding
12 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to rename the Texas
15 Workforce Commission Building the Lloyd M. Bentsen State Office
16 Building; and, be it further

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