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H.C.R. No. 141

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st president of  
2 the United States, has served the American people with honor and  
3 distinction over the course of an exemplary career in public life;  
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5           WHEREAS, Born in Milton, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1924, to  
6 U.S. Senator Prescott Bush and Dorothy Walker Bush, George H. W.  
7 Bush hailed from a family with a proud tradition of government and  
8 business leadership; he attended Phillips Academy in Andover, and  
9 on his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy; on earning his  
10 wings at the completion of flight school, he was among the youngest  
11 pilots serving in World War II, and he eventually flew a total of 58  
12 combat missions in the war and earned the Distinguished Flying  
13 Cross for his bravery in action; and

14           WHEREAS, George Bush attended Yale University, where he was a  
15 member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society; after graduating with a  
16 degree in economics in 1948, he found success working in the oil  
17 industry in West Texas; his entrance into politics came in 1963,  
18 when he was named chair of the Harris County Republican Party, and  
19 he was later elected to two terms in the U.S. Congress as a  
20 representative from Texas; highly respected by his peers in public  
21 service, he received appointments to a series of high-level  
22 positions, including ambassador to the United Nations, chair of the  
23 Republican National Committee, chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in  
24 China, and director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and

1           WHEREAS, This accomplished leader was selected as Ronald  
2 Reagan's running mate during the 1980 presidential campaign, and in  
3 his role as vice president of the United States from 1981 to 1989,  
4 he focused on federal deregulation, antidrug programs, and other  
5 domestic policy areas; in 1988, he became the Republican nominee  
6 for president, and following his victory in the November election,  
7 he took office as the nation's chief executive; and

8           WHEREAS, His presidency coincided with a time of many  
9 significant changes in the world, including the end of the Cold War,  
10 the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the fall of the Berlin  
11 Wall; noted for his skillful handling of foreign affairs, President  
12 Bush worked toward improved relations with Russia and oversaw the  
13 U.S. military's removal of Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega; in  
14 response to the invasion of Kuwait directed by Iraqi president  
15 Saddam Hussein in 1990, he assembled an unprecedented coalition of  
16 32 nations to drive out the Iraqi forces, an action that is widely  
17 viewed as his greatest presidential achievement; and

18           WHEREAS, During and after his time in office, President Bush  
19 has championed the cause of public and community service; in 2011,  
20 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President  
21 Barack Obama in recognition of his efforts to inspire volunteerism  
22 in communities across the country, and Points of Light, the  
23 foundation that he established in 1990, continues to engage  
24 millions of people to become agents of positive change; in 2005, he  
25 joined forces with former president Bill Clinton to lead a  
26 fund-raiser for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and the  
27 initiative collected more than \$100 million in donations in a

1 matter of months; and

2 WHEREAS, By his side in all his endeavors has been his wife,  
3 Barbara Bush, whom he married in 1945; the couple are the parents of  
4 six children, and they have proudly supported the political careers  
5 of their sons George W. Bush, who served as the 43rd president of  
6 the United States from 2001 to 2009, and Jeb Bush, who was governor  
7 of Florida from 1999 to 2007, as well as that of their grandson  
8 George P. Bush, who was elected Texas land commissioner in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, In President George H. W. Bush's own words, "Any  
10 definition of a successful life must include serving others," and  
11 this esteemed statesman has exemplified this ideal through his  
12 myriad contributions in the public realm; his patriotism and  
13 principled leadership have made him a revered figure in his adopted  
14 home state, and the naming of the future building at 1801 Congress  
15 Avenue in the Capitol Complex would indeed provide a fitting  
16 tribute to his legacy; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
18 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the future  
19 building at 1801 Congress Avenue, as shown in the 2016 Texas Capitol  
20 Complex Master Plan, the George H. W. Bush State Office Building in  
21 honor of former president George H. W. Bush and his steadfast  
22 commitment to our state and nation; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
24 copy of this resolution to the chair and to the executive director  
25 of the Texas Facilities Commission.