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H.R. No. 1531

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Barbara Jordan Career Center in Houston is
2 celebrating its grand opening on May 15, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, A vocational training campus of the Houston
4 Independent School District, BJCC accepts students from nine
5 partner high schools who receive traditional instruction at their
6 home campuses for half the day and are then transported to the
7 center for hands-on career classes; and

8 WHEREAS, BJCC provides training in a variety of professions,
9 including automobile technology, construction, cosmetology, health
10 science, marketing, welding, and the culinary arts; students are
11 also offered opportunities for local internships, state and
12 national licenses, and dual credit courses, enabling them to earn
13 college credit and certifications; and

14 WHEREAS, Open since January 2019, the facility is named in
15 honor of the legendary Barbara Jordan; raised in Houston's Fifth
16 Ward, this dynamic political leader was the first African American
17 since Reconstruction to hold a seat in the Texas Senate and the
18 first African American woman from the South to serve in the
19 U.S. House of Representatives; noted for her eloquence and her
20 commanding presence, she went on to become a challenging and
21 inspiring teacher at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The
22 University of Texas at Austin; she died in 1996; and

23 WHEREAS, A fitting tribute to this remarkable woman and her
24 passion for knowledge and strength of character, the Barbara Jordan

1 Career Center offers its students a firm foundation on which to
2 build fulfilling and productive lives; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the grand opening of the Barbara
5 Jordan Career Center and extend to all those associated with the
6 school sincere best wishes for success in their exciting new
7 endeavor; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.