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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, In 2019, construction began on a new facility for  
2 the Capitol Complex Child Development Center, and this provides a  
3 fitting opportunity to name the center "Emma's Garden" in honor of  
4 the late Emma Barrientos; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1989, the 71st Texas Legislature established the  
6 child development center by passing Senate Bill 1480, which was  
7 authored by former State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos and supported  
8 by his wife, Emma Barrientos; over the course of more than three  
9 decades, the center has provided childcare services to employees of  
10 the State of Texas and to the faculty and staff of The University of  
11 Texas at Austin; and

12           WHEREAS, A respected civic leader, Ms. Barrientos devoted  
13 much of her time to political activism; throughout the 1960s and  
14 1970s, she participated in marches and rallies in support of  
15 organized labor and civil rights; additionally, she was  
16 instrumental in her husband's campaign for state representative,  
17 and after he joined the Texas Senate, she served as treasurer and  
18 president of the Texas Senate Ladies Club; later, the couple became  
19 founding members of the Tejano Democrats; and

20           WHEREAS, Ms. Barrientos held a deep appreciation for  
21 cultural engagement, and she helped create Ballet Folklórico de  
22 Tejas, a professional dance company, as well as the Mexic-Arte  
23 Museum; moreover, she served as board president of the Austin  
24 Museum of Art and she was an early supporter of the Mexican American

1 Cultural Center in Austin; and

2 WHEREAS, Emma Barrientos worked tirelessly to make the world  
3 a better place for all young Texans, and she is indeed deserving of  
4 special recognition for her efforts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the Capitol  
7 Complex Child Development Center "Emma's Garden" in honor of Emma  
8 Barrientos; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
10 copy of this resolution to the chair and to the executive director  
11 of the Texas Facilities Commission.