

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HCR 5

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Brandon Garcia  
Texas Public Charter Schools Association  
Manor, TX

Given there are currently no state buildings named after women nor people of color, there is perhaps no better time for this bill. Please support HCR 5. Thanks.

Victoria Mancha  
Harmony Science Academy - Pflugerville  
Pflugerville, TX

It is high time that the contributions for women of color be recognized by the Texas Senate. Naming the new building after Barbara Jordan, the first African American elected to the Texas Senate, would greatly help the community of Texas know that the Texas Legislature sees, appreciates, and values the work of all women of color.

John Armbrust  
Austin Achieve  
Austin, TX

I'm strongly in favor of this proposal. It is much deserved and long overdue recognition.

Justin Scott, Regional Superintendent  
KIPP Texas Austin  
Austin, TX

This bill is incredibly important for our community, especially at this time. I fully support Rep. Cole's work to uplift such an impactful figure in Texas and American history for years to come. Thank you, Rep. Cole!

James Nortey  
Self - Attorney  
Austin, TX

I shocked, but unsurprised, that none of the state buildings are named after women or people of color. I fully support renaming this building as the Barbara Jordan Building. Barbara Jordan deserves this recognition, our community deserves to see our historymakers reflected in our state resources. Thank you.

Annemarie Donnelly  
IDEA Public Schools

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Austin, TX

As a Latina educator, I know the importance of representation in all levels of government and society. Students deserve to see themselves in history, in textbooks, and on our Texas Capitol grounds. Having a building named after the historic Barbara Jordan will help girls of color everywhere know that there is a place for them in the highest levels of government in Texas.

Reed Ramirez

Austin Discovery School (charter)

Austin, TX

This is a wonderful opportunity to show our youngest citizens that the State of Texas values the contributions of Barbara Jordan and other leaders like her. As the first African American elected to the Texas Senate, I can not think of a more fitting person to be honored in this way. Our buildings should reflect the diversity of the Texas population and there are currently no buildings named after a woman or person of color in the Capitol complex.