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H.C.R. No. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Capitol Complex Child Development Center moved  
2 to a new facility in the Barbara Jordan State Office Building in  
3 August 2022, and this milestone provides a welcome opportunity to  
4 name the center "Emma's Garden" in honor of the late Emma  
5 Barrientos; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1989, the 71st Texas Legislature established the  
7 child development center by passing Senate Bill 1480, which was  
8 authored by former State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos and supported  
9 by his wife, Emma Barrientos; over the course of more than three  
10 decades, the center has provided childcare services to employees of  
11 the State of Texas and to the faculty and staff of The University of  
12 Texas at Austin; construction of the new facility commenced in  
13 2019; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Barrientos held a deep appreciation for  
23 cultural engagement, and she helped create Ballet Folklórico de  
24 Tejas, a professional dance company, as well as the Mexic-Arte

1 Museum; moreover, she served as board president of the Austin  
2 Museum of Art and she was an early supporter of the Mexican American  
3 Cultural Center in Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, Emma Barrientos was a champion of the Capitol  
5 Complex Child Development Center, and naming the facility for her  
6 would be a fitting tribute to her tireless efforts to make the world  
7 a better place for all young Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the Capitol  
10 Complex Child Development Center "Emma's Garden" in honor of Emma  
11 Barrientos; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
13 copy of this resolution to the chair and to the executive director  
14 of the Texas Facilities Commission.