

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Justin Dart Jr. made a lasting, positive difference in the lives of countless Americans through his work to empower people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1930, Justin Dart contracted polio in 1948; he found his purpose after beating a grim prognosis of imminent death; his legs paralyzed, he relied on a wheelchair for mobility and gained a deep understanding of the challenges faced by others as well; after graduating from the University of Houston, where he earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in history, he embarked on a business career; and

WHEREAS, After working with Tupperware Japan, Mr. Dart settled in Texas in 1974, and six years later, he was named to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities; he served as its inaugural chair, and in 1981, he was also appointed vice chair of the National Council on Disability by President Ronald Reagan; the council drafted a policy to end centuries of discrimination, laying the groundwork for the Americans with Disabilities Act; at the end of the decade, as chair of the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities, Mr. Dart helped craft the language of the ADA; he then barnstormed across the country to galvanize support for the legislation, visiting each state five times and addressing crowds in his trademark cowboy hat and boots; President George H. W. Bush signed the ADA into law on

1 July 26, 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Dart further served as
3 commissioner of the Education Department's Rehabilitation Services
4 Administration, as chair of the president's Committee on Employment
5 of People with Disabilities, as president-elect of the National
6 Rehabilitation Association, and as a member of the National Council
7 on Disability; in 1998, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of
8 Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; he died on June 22,
9 2002, at the age of 71; and

10 WHEREAS, Often called one of the fathers of the ADA, Justin
11 Dart was widely known for his rallying cry, "Lead On!"; his
12 visionary activism effected transformative change for people with
13 disabilities, and it would be most fitting to name the new transit
14 amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex the
15 "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in his honor; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the new
18 transit amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex
19 the "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in honor of Justin Dart; and, be it
20 further

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 32 was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 32 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 8, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor