

1-1 By: Gervin-Hawkins (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.C.R. No. 113  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;  
1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The G. J. Sutton State Office Complex in San Antonio  
1-17 served state agencies and the wider community for many years; and

1-18 WHEREAS, The facility's namesake, Garlington Jerome Sutton,  
1-19 became the first African American elected official in Bexar County  
1-20 in 1948, when he was chosen as a member of the San Antonio Union  
1-21 Junior College District Board of Trustees; he was later elected to  
1-22 the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, earning the distinction  
1-23 of becoming the inaugural representative of District 57-E and the  
1-24 first African American in the legislature from the Alamo City;  
1-25 during his tenure, he served as chair of the Texas Legislative Black  
1-26 Caucus and proposed the acquisition of a new state office building,  
1-27 which was later named in his honor in 1982; he passed away on June  
1-28 22, 1976, at the age of 67; and

1-29 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2013, the complex was closed after  
1-30 significant structural problems were discovered during maintenance  
1-31 improvements; the property, however, remains highly desirable for  
1-32 its location in a designated historic zone; and

1-33 WHEREAS, G. J. Sutton was not only a pillar of his community  
1-34 but also a trailblazer for African Americans in public service, and  
1-35 it is essential that this property continue bearing his name so that  
1-36 current and future generations are able to more fully appreciate  
1-37 his achievements; now, therefore, be it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-39 hereby urge all future owners of the property on which the  
1-40 G. J. Sutton State Office Complex now stands to preserve the use of  
1-41 Mr. Sutton's name in tribute to his historic legacy in the city of  
1-42 San Antonio and the Lone Star State of Texas.

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