

1-1 By: Cole, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West, Miles) H.C.R. No. 5
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 17, 2021;
 1-3 May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

1-16 WHEREAS, A towering figure in the Texas Legislature and the
 1-17 United States Congress, Houston native Barbara Jordan blazed a
 1-18 remarkable trail on the national stage for other women and people of
 1-19 color; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Barbara Charline Jordan was born in 1936 and
 1-21 graduated from Texas Southern University and Boston University
 1-22 School of Law; in 1966, she became the first African American woman
 1-23 elected to the Texas Senate, and she pushed through bills
 1-24 establishing antidiscrimination clauses in business contracts, the
 1-25 Texas Fair Employment Practices Commission, and the state's first
 1-26 minimum wage law; recognizing her wisdom and skill, her peers chose
 1-27 her as president pro tempore; and

1-28 WHEREAS, Barbara Jordan continued her work to advance social
 1-29 progress after winning election to the U.S. House of
 1-30 Representatives in 1972, when she became the first African American
 1-31 woman from the Deep South to be elected to Congress; as a member of
 1-32 the Judiciary Committee, she galvanized the nation during the
 1-33 Watergate hearings, signaling the historic weight of the
 1-34 proceedings as she thundered, "My faith in the Constitution is
 1-35 whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to sit here and be
 1-36 an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the
 1-37 destruction of the Constitution"; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Following her third term in the house, Congresswoman
 1-39 Jordan retired from politics to take up the Lyndon Johnson Chair in
 1-40 National Policy at The University of Texas at Austin's LBJ School of
 1-41 Public Affairs; she inspired the next generation of leaders by
 1-42 teaching courses on intergovernmental relations, political values,
 1-43 and ethics, and she served as ethics advisor to then-governor Ann
 1-44 Richards; appointed chair of the U.S. Commission on Immigration
 1-45 Reform, she again emerged as a key supporter of the framers' intent
 1-46 in 1994 when she powerfully decried a proposal to end the
 1-47 constitutional provision of birthright citizenship; and

1-48 WHEREAS, Barbara Jordan passed away in 1996, but the
 1-49 magisterial voice she lifted as a champion of the vulnerable and
 1-50 disenfranchised and as a defender of the constitution continues to
 1-51 resonate, and naming a new building in the Capitol Complex in her
 1-52 honor would provide a fitting tribute to her enormous legacy; now,
 1-53 therefore, be it

1-54 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-55 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the building
 1-56 being constructed on the east side of North Congress Avenue between
 1-57 16th and 17th Streets the Barbara Jordan Building in recognition of
 1-58 her contributions to our state and nation; and, be it further

1-59 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official
 1-60 copy of this resolution to the chair and to the executive director
 1-61 of the Texas Facilities Commission.

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