

1-1 By: Hall, Eckhardt S.C.R. No. 32  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2025; March 13, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
1-4 April 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hall	X		
1-9	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Kolkhorst	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		

1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Justin Dart Jr. made a lasting, positive difference  
1-17 in the lives of countless Americans through his work to empower  
1-18 people with disabilities; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1930, Justin Dart  
1-20 contracted polio in 1948; he found his purpose after beating a grim  
1-21 prognosis of imminent death; his legs paralyzed, he relied on a  
1-22 wheelchair for mobility and gained a deep understanding of the  
1-23 challenges faced by others as well; after graduating from the  
1-24 University of Houston, where he earned both a bachelor's degree and  
1-25 a master's degree in history, he embarked on a business career; and

1-26 WHEREAS, After working with Tupperware Japan, Mr. Dart  
1-27 settled in Texas in 1974, and six years later, he was named to the  
1-28 Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities; he served as its  
1-29 inaugural chair, and in 1981, he was also appointed vice chair of  
1-30 the National Council on Disability by President Ronald Reagan; the  
1-31 council drafted a policy to end centuries of discrimination, laying  
1-32 the groundwork for the Americans with Disabilities Act; at the end  
1-33 of the decade, as chair of the Congressional Task Force on the  
1-34 Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities, Mr. Dart  
1-35 helped craft the language of the ADA; he then barnstormed across the  
1-36 country to galvanize support for the legislation, visiting each  
1-37 state five times and addressing crowds in his trademark cowboy hat  
1-38 and boots; President George H. W. Bush signed the ADA into law on  
1-39 July 26, 1990; and

1-40 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Dart further served as  
1-41 commissioner of the Education Department's Rehabilitation Services  
1-42 Administration, as chair of the president's Committee on Employment  
1-43 of People with Disabilities, as president-elect of the National  
1-44 Rehabilitation Association, and as a member of the National Council  
1-45 on Disability; in 1998, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of  
1-46 Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor; he died on June 22,  
1-47 2002, at the age of 71; and

1-48 WHEREAS, Often called one of the fathers of the ADA, Justin  
1-49 Dart was widely known for his rallying cry, "Lead On!"; his  
1-50 visionary activism effected transformative change for people with  
1-51 disabilities, and it would be most fitting to name the new transit  
1-52 amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex the  
1-53 "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in his honor; now, therefore, be it

1-54 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-55 hereby direct the Texas Facilities Commission to name the new  
1-56 transit amenity center at 207 W. 14th Street in the Capitol Complex  
1-57 the "Lead On! Transit Amenity" in honor of Justin Dart; and, be it  
1-58 further

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

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