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The Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas is the first major facility in the nation, named after a woman; and just like her namesake, Kay Bailey Hutchison's impact to Dallas is undeniable.

Hutchison is currently serving as U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO. In 1993, Hutchison became the first woman to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate and became one of the most powerful women in the country before her retirement in 2013. She served on the U.S. Senate's committees on Appropriations; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Rules and Administration.

Over the course of her storied career in public service, Hutchison helped secure more than \$225 million for the Trinity River Corridor Project, including the Dallas Floodway Extension, Margaret McDermott Bridge, Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, and the I35-E Bridge. Her efforts to rescind the Wright Amendment and ensure federal support for the Love Field Modernization Program reopened Dallas Love Field to competition following decades of federal restrictions. And with her support, Dallas Area Rapid Transit was able to create the nation's largest light-rail system with four lines serving Dallas, both airports, and seven suburbs. Dallas is now more connected to the world and its neighbors for commerce and recreation because of her leverage and influence.

In recognition of her exemplary service to the people and City of Dallas, the Dallas City Council voted unanimously in April 2013 to rename the Dallas Convention Center in honor of former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.