

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas is widely known for its excellent recreational
2 activities and vacation destinations, and among the state's most
3 unspoiled and inviting getaways is the picturesque Lake Whitney
4 area; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in the Brazos River Basin, Lake Whitney was
6 one of the earliest recreational lakes built near the Dallas/Fort
7 Worth area; completed in April 1951 as part of the Brazos River
8 Conservation and Reclamation Program, it is maintained by the
9 United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, and is
10 situated five miles from the town of Whitney on the edge of Hill and
11 Bosque Counties; other nearby communities that help provide
12 visitors with the comforts of home include Hillsboro, Clifton,
13 Meridian, Aquilla, Morgan, Lakeside Village, Laguna Park, Blum,
14 Valley Mills, and Kopperl; and

15 WHEREAS, The 955-acre Lake Whitney State Park was named Park
16 of the Month by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in July
17 2004, and features 137 campsites, screened shelters, swimming
18 beaches, boat ramps, and an air strip; the region also provides four
19 full service marinas and 34 overnight accommodations, including
20 cabins, cottages, bed and breakfasts, condos, and lodges; and

21 WHEREAS, Lake Whitney's reputation as a premier center for
22 bass fishing is a big draw for the nation's fishing enthusiasts, and
23 *Field and Stream* magazine in May 2004 ranked a lakeside resort there
24 as one of "the top 5 places in the U.S. to eat, sleep, and live

1 bass"; and

2 WHEREAS, For those who prefer their recreation on land, the
3 area is home to three public 18-hole golf courses and 3,000 acres of
4 winding trails for horseback riding; bird and wildlife watchers can
5 delight in the lake area's 300 migratory and nonmigratory bird
6 species, and a local wildlife population that features more than 50
7 different species of mammals, including the white-tailed deer; and

8 WHEREAS, Historically visited by everyone from Native
9 Americans and European settlers to gunslingers, such as John Wesley
10 Hardin, the Lake Whitney area is today easily accessible from the
11 four largest metropolitan areas of the state, yet it is used by only
12 two million people each year, making it the perfect getaway for
13 those who enjoy a relaxed pace, abundant amenities, and reasonable
14 prices, and the area is indeed worthy of a special designation
15 befitting its myriad attractions; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby designate the Lake Whitney area as the Getaway Capital of
18 Texas.

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David Bushnell

President of the Senate

Jim Castle

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 154 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Hancey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 154 was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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