HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, Texas is known throughout the nation for the excellence and variety of its agricultural bounty, and among the most distinctive and appealing of the crops grown here is the versatile herb known as lavender; and
- WHEREAS, Lavender's fragrance is perhaps the best-known aspect of its appeal, but the herb has also been used by many for decorating, cooking, and medicinal purposes, and lavender oil is even thought to have played a role in the development of the first photographic image; and
- WHEREAS, Likened by some to the terrain in France where lavender has long been grown, the ruggedly beautiful Hill Country has, in recent years, become home to a number of lavender farms, including those in Blanco, Gillespie, Hays, Kerr, Llano, Mason, Kendall, Bandera, and Burnet Counties; and

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- WHEREAS, The decision by local entrepreneurs to grow lavender in the very heart of the Lone Star State has produced outstanding results, and tourists now flock to the Hill Country Lavender Trail to pick bouquets of the herb and sample a surprising and delightful selection of lavender-infused products; and
- 20 WHEREAS, This happy confluence of agriculture, aesthetics, 21 and enterprise has for good reason become closely associated with 22 the Hill Country, and it is indeed fitting to bestow legislative 23 recognition on this singular success story; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas

- 1 hereby designate the Hill Country as the Official Lavender Growing
- 2 Region of Texas.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 187 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 187 was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

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