

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Now in its 15th year, the East Texas What-A-Melon
2 Festival offers a refreshing tribute each summer to one of the
3 region's most significant agricultural products; and

4 WHEREAS, Shelby County is a leader among
5 watermelon-producing counties in the Lone Star State, and every
6 year on the second Friday and Saturday in July, approximately
7 10,000 people travel to the county seat of Center and give a boost
8 to the local economy while sampling the mouth-watering melon and
9 participating in a host of fun-filled activities; and

10 WHEREAS, The festival's attractions include a largest
11 watermelon contest, seed spitting, an antique car show, lawnmower
12 races, country music, a carnival, and assorted vendors selling
13 tasty food and unique craft items; and

14 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Center Business Association, the
15 festival helps fund such popular community projects as holiday
16 lighting and downtown decorations and banners; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the years, the organizers of the East Texas
18 What-A-Melon Festival have hosted an event that provides attendees
19 with a Texas-sized helping of fun and entertainment, and it is most
20 appropriate that the success of this festival and Shelby County's
21 importance as a major watermelon producer be duly recognized; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
24 3rd Called Session, hereby designate the East Texas What-A-Melon

1 Festival as the Official Watermelon Festival of East Texas until
2 January 31, 2005.

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David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Cindrich

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 10 was adopted by the House on October 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 10 was adopted by the Senate on October 10, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Lacey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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