H.C.R. No. 84

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The people of the Lone Star State are proud of their agricultural heritage, and for many years, the city of Floydada has been associated with one crop in particular, the pumpkin; and

WHEREAS, The history of the pumpkin in Floyd County can be dated back to the 1540s and the time of the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, whose starving expedition was fed roasted pumpkins by native tribes who lived near Blanco Canyon; the modern pumpkin industry in Texas began with Floyd County farmer B. A. "Uncle Slim" Robertson, who began growing the squash on 10 acres, selling produce by the side of the road; he later increased his acreage and went on to ship truckloads of pumpkins far and wide; and

WHEREAS, In recent times, Floydada has carried on "Slim" Robertson's legacy by making the pumpkin a mainstay of its economy and culture, and Floydada pumpkins and squashes have become coveted by consumers in Texas and beyond; the city produces between 15 and 20 million pumpkins every year, ranging from the orange Jack O'Lantern to pie pumpkins to white and red pumpkins to Atlantic Giants, which can weigh several hundred pounds; and

WHEREAS, The city has trademarked itself as the Pumpkin Capital of the United States, and since 1987, the second Saturday of every October has been celebrated in Floydada as Punkin Day, a festival that features every pumpkin-related activity imaginable, including pumpkin carving, pie baking, pumpkin bowling, and
WHEREAS, Citizens of Floydada have long been proud of their association with this festive and nutritious agricultural product, which is both a significant source of revenue and an inspiration for high-spirited fun; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Floydada as the Pumpkin Capital of Texas.

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President of the Senate

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 14 June 13

Date

Governor