

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, In 1877, Charles Goodnight became the manager of the
3 JA Ranch in the Caprock Canyonlands of the Texas Panhandle; the
4 once-great bison herds of the area had been slaughtered almost to
5 the point of extinction; at the urging of his wife, Mary Ann,
6 Goodnight rounded up enough of the creatures to form a small herd,
7 which allowed the Southern Plains Bison population to survive; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1880, Goodnight acquired the Lazy F Ranch and
9 renamed it "Quitaque," which he believed was an Indian word for "end
10 of the trail"; Quitaque is located on State Highway 86 in
11 southeastern Briscoe County; when the county was organized in 1892,
12 the townsite of Quitaque was surveyed and platted; and

13 WHEREAS, Caprock Canyons State Park, located approximately
14 three miles north of Quitaque, was acquired from the estate of
15 Theodore Geisler in May 1975; the park opened in 1982 and is the
16 third-largest state park in Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, The park is home to the "Official State Bison Herd of
18 Texas"; these bison are direct descendants of the last free-range
19 Southern Plains Bison that the Goodnights saved from extinction;
20 the herd was donated to the park in 1996 by the JA Ranch, which is
21 the oldest privately owned ranch in the Texas Panhandle; and

22 WHEREAS, For many years, the citizens of Quitaque encouraged
23 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish a state park in
24 the Quitaque area and encouraged the donation of the JA Ranch Bison

S.C.R. No. 22

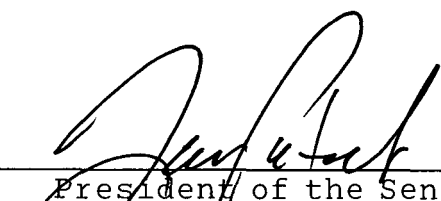
1 Herd to the state park; and

2 WHEREAS, O. R. Stark Jr., born in Quitaque, understood the
3 need for a friends group for Caprock Canyons State Park and
4 Trailway; he was instrumental in forming Caprock Partners
5 Foundation in 1996 and served as foundation president until his
6 death; the foundation has supported the park and its historic bison
7 habitat as environmental and recreational treasures; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate the City of Quitaque to be the official Bison
11 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
13 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
14 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

S.C.R. No. 22

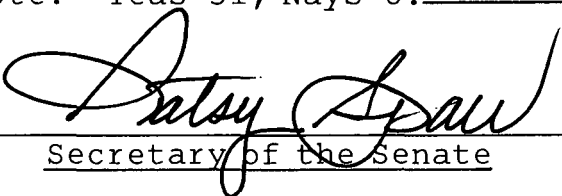


President of the Senate




Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 22 was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____



Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 22 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, two present not voting. _____



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-13-2015

Date



Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:09 pm O'CLOCK

JUN 17 2015



Secretary of State