

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Terry County grows more grapes than all the other counties in Texas combined; in 2013, there were approximately 800 acres of vineyards in the county, constituting more than 80 percent of the grapes in the state; as many as 3,000 acres of grapes are expected to be planted in the county by the end of 2015 and 10,000 acres in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, Terry County is part of the High Plains region, which endures many hot days but, at an altitude of over 3,600 feet, enjoys cool summer nights; this drop in temperature slows the pace of ripening and enables the grapes to mature over the growing season, producing a better juice for wine production; and

WHEREAS, The region is extraordinarily windy, which reduces problems related to humidity, such as mildew; its soil is sandy clay over a bed of caliche, and these layers allow good drainage down to the bedrock; and

WHEREAS, Many Terry County farmers are agricultural producers whose families have been in the area for generations; they possess unparalleled knowledge of the land and the requisite work ethic to successfully bring a crop to maturity; with each growing season, more acreage is planted with grapes and the farming community's knowledge of grape growing also increases; and

WHEREAS, The business community in the county fully supports the grape-growing industry, and a local chamber of commerce held

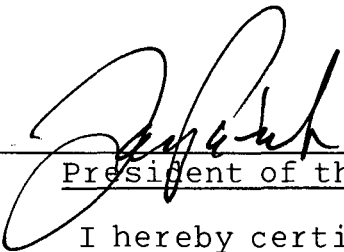
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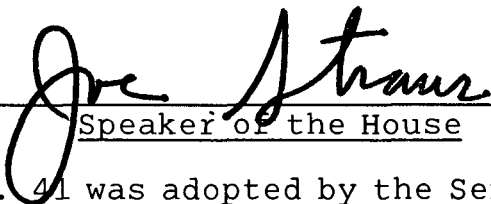
1 the first Taste of Terry County Vineyard Festival in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, An increasing number of publications, such as the  
3 *Wall Street Journal*, are recognizing Terry County for its  
4 development into a producer of world-class wine grapes; now,  
5 therefore, be it

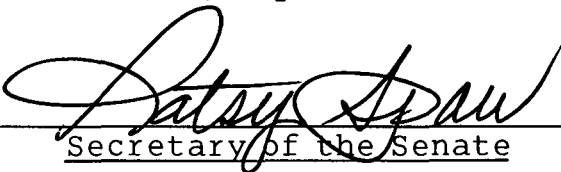
6 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby designate Terry County as the official Grape Capital of  
8 Texas; and, be it further

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

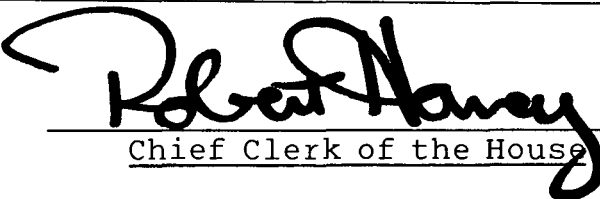
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 41 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 4, three present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

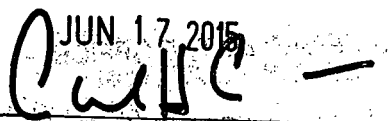
  
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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-13-2015  
Date

  
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Governor

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Secretary of State