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H.C.R. No. 12

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The community of Florence in Williamson County is
2 home to the Gault Archaeological Site, one of the oldest known
3 places of human habitation in North America; and

4 WHEREAS, The earliest presence of humans at the Gault site
5 has been dated to between 16,000 and 20,000 years ago, and artifacts
6 recovered there show a near-continuous occupation of the area by 23
7 ancient cultures over the centuries; and

8 WHEREAS, Located in a valley along Buttermilk Creek, the site
9 proved an ideal place for settlement since it offered ancient
10 peoples an extraordinary combination of water, plentiful food, and
11 large amounts of Edwards chert, a type of stone used to fashion
12 tools; and

13 WHEREAS, Archaeological research being conducted at the
14 Gault site is enabling anthropologists to gain a better
15 understanding of the early inhabitants of North America and to
16 develop new theories about when and how the continent was first
17 populated by humans; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to being one of the oldest
19 archaeological sites in North America, the Gault site is all the
20 more unique for being located near a contemporary community, the
21 city of Florence; and

22 WHEREAS, The Gault Archaeological Site is helping to rewrite
23 the history of the first peoples of the Americas, and the modern
24 citizens of Florence may indeed take great pride in their deep

1 connection to the earliest residents of the Lone Star State; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,
4 1st Called Session, hereby designate the city of Florence as the
5 oldest community in Texas; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
7 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
8 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
9 passed by the legislature.