

1-1 By: Leman (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.C.R. No. 61
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;
 1-3 May 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Schwertner | X | | | |
| 1-8 Johnson | X | | | |
| 1-9 Alvarado | X | | | |
| 1-10 Buckingham | | | X | |
| 1-11 Huffman | X | | | |
| 1-12 Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-13 Springer | | | X | |

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Among the fascinating array of flora in the Lone
 1-17 Star State, one of the most unique species, both in appearance and
 1-18 life cycle, is the Texas star mushroom; and

1-19 WHEREAS, This extremely rare mushroom, known scientifically
 1-20 as *Chorioactis geaster*, was first collected in Austin in 1893 and is
 1-21 nearly exclusive to Texas, with Japan being the only other place in
 1-22 the world with a notable population; highly selective about where
 1-23 it chooses to grow, the mushroom's Texas range is limited to the
 1-24 central and northern parts of the state and includes Fayette,
 1-25 Guadalupe, Hays, Travis, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Tarrant, and Hunt
 1-26 Counties; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The Texas star appears in winter, most commonly on
 1-28 the exposed roots and decaying stumps of cedar elm trees; it emerges
 1-29 as a dark brown capsule about four inches in length, which inspired
 1-30 its nickname, the devil's cigar; and

1-31 WHEREAS, After rains, the mushroom explodes open with an
 1-32 audible hiss, seemingly puffing smoke as it fills the air with a
 1-33 cloud of spores that waft away to help ensure a future generation
 1-34 for the species; in addition to its other memorable traits, the
 1-35 mushroom, once opened, has a starlike shape that makes it seem
 1-36 custom designed for the Lone Star landscape; and

1-37 WHEREAS, A poignant reminder of the natural diversity that
 1-38 surrounds us, the Texas star mushroom is as uncommon and striking as
 1-39 the state that serves as its home, and it is indeed deserving of
 1-40 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-42 hereby designate the Texas star mushroom as the official State
 1-43 Mushroom of Texas.

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