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H.C.R. No. 45

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Almost a century ago, the City of Mansfield was the
2 birthplace of Best Maid Products, and the company's subsequent
3 success as a manufacturer of pickles has inspired area residents to
4 make the vinegary vegetable the centerpiece of a beloved annual
5 celebration; and

6 WHEREAS, Best Maid pickles originated in the kitchen of
7 Mildred and Jessie Otis Dalton, who lived in a small stone house in
8 Mansfield; Mrs. Dalton's homemade pies, mayonnaise, sandwich
9 spread, and pickles were popular with the customers in her
10 husband's grocery, and in 1926, they founded the Best Maid company;
11 the brand went on to be enormously successful, and today it is best
12 known for its pickles and dressings; it processes 50 to 60 million
13 pounds of cucumbers every year and sells 100 different items under
14 the Best Maid and Del-Dixi brands; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2012, Mansfield has celebrated its fame as the
16 birthplace of this pickle empire by staging the World's Only
17 St. Paddy's Pickle Parade and Palooza every March, to coincide with
18 St. Patrick's Day; this festive event has grown to attract tens of
19 thousands of visitors each year, and it features a parade, retail
20 and food vendors, musical performances, and three fun runs, as well
21 as pickle-eating and pickle-juice-drinking competitions; and

22 WHEREAS, The Pickle Parade and Palooza highlights the
23 community's hometown pride and its healthy sense of fun, and the
24 citizens of Mansfield may indeed savor their association with this

1 iconic Texas treasure; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby redesignate Mansfield as the official Pickle Capital of
4 Texas; and, be it further

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