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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The people of Texas are fortunate to reside in a vast
 state that encompasses numerous ecosystems and a rich assortment of
 plant and animal life; and

WHEREAS, Ranging from the lush forests of East Texas to the 4 5 majestic desert landscape of the Big Bend, from the windswept grasslands of the Panhandle to the barrier islands of the Gulf 6 7 Coast, these habitats are home to countless species of trees and other vegetation; they are also populated by an immense variety of 8 9 wildlife, including such signature Texas animals as the javelina, the western diamondback rattlesnake, the roadrunner, and the 10 11 armadillo, as well as such impressive and rarely seen creatures as 12 the mountain lion, the black bear, and the peregrine falcon; and

WHEREAS, These resources benefit the state in many ways; Texans young and old have abundant opportunities to enjoy recreational pursuits and to learn about the wonders of the natural world, and the great Texas outdoors contributes to economic vitality as well; visitors are drawn to the state for fishing, hunting, birding, hiking, boating, and myriad other activities that boost tourism and create jobs; and

20 WHEREAS, The diverse plants, animals, and habitats of the 21 Lone Star State are a source of great pride to the people of Texas, 22 and it is indeed appropriate to celebrate this rich heritage and to 23 highlight the importance of preserving it for future generations; 24 now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas 2 hereby designate November as Texas Wildlife and Conservation Month; 3 and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
passed by the legislature.