

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The picturesque Hill Country community of Llano has
2 long been known across the state and nation as a premier location
3 for deer hunting; and

4 WHEREAS, In the years after its founding in 1855, Llano was
5 the last stop on the railroad and an outpost on the edge of the
6 largely unsettled land that extended to the west; many settlers
7 relied on the abundant deer and other game as a source of food,
8 particularly as they were first establishing their ranches and
9 farms; and

10 WHEREAS, Even after the frontier era passed, the countryside
11 near Llano retained its thriving deer population, and hunters from
12 other parts of the state and beyond began making trips to the area;
13 by the early decades of the 1900s, the community had become a
14 well-known center for the sport, and in more recent years, Llano's
15 informal status as a "deer capital" has been furthered through
16 coverage in a range of publications and websites; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the town remains one of the Lone Star State's
18 most popular destinations for deer hunters; the region of the Hill
19 Country around Llano boasts one of the highest densities of deer in
20 the nation, with a ratio of one deer for every two to three acres of
21 land; and

22 WHEREAS, More than 15,000 people hunt in Llano County each
23 year, harvesting over 12,000 white-tailed deer annually; the
24 hunters spend as much as \$3.5 million in the county, making the

1 sport a significant factor in the local economy; and

2 WHEREAS, On the Friday before the start of each deer season,
3 the Llano Chamber of Commerce hosts a Hunters Welcome event to
4 express the city's appreciation for the contributions hunters make
5 to the town's prosperity, and throughout the season, banners,
6 posters, and special offers from businesses create a friendly
7 environment for hunting enthusiasts; and

8 WHEREAS, From its origins as a frontier town to the present
9 day, Llano has been a paradise for deer hunters, and the community's
10 prominent role in this popular sport is indeed deserving of special
11 recognition; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate Llano as the official Deer Capital of the Texas
14 Hill Country; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
16 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
17 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
18 passed by the legislature.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 82 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 82 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor