

1-1 By: Murr (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.C.R. No. 82
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The picturesque Hill Country community of Llano has
1-17 long been known across the state and nation as a premier location
1-18 for deer hunting; and

1-19 WHEREAS, In the years after its founding in 1855, Llano was
1-20 the last stop on the railroad and an outpost on the edge of the
1-21 largely unsettled land that extended to the west; many settlers
1-22 relied on the abundant deer and other game as a source of food,
1-23 particularly as they were first establishing their ranches and
1-24 farms; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Even after the frontier era passed, the countryside
1-26 near Llano retained its thriving deer population, and hunters from
1-27 other parts of the state and beyond began making trips to the area;
1-28 by the early decades of the 1900s, the community had become a
1-29 well-known center for the sport, and in more recent years, Llano's
1-30 informal status as a "deer capital" has been furthered through
1-31 coverage in a range of publications and websites; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Today, the town remains one of the Lone Star State's
1-33 most popular destinations for deer hunters; the region of the Hill
1-34 Country around Llano boasts one of the highest densities of deer in
1-35 the nation, with a ratio of one deer for every two to three acres of
1-36 land; and

1-37 WHEREAS, More than 15,000 people hunt in Llano County each
1-38 year, harvesting over 12,000 white-tailed deer annually; the
1-39 hunters spend as much as \$3.5 million in the county, making the
1-40 sport a significant factor in the local economy; and

1-41 WHEREAS, On the Friday before the start of each deer season,
1-42 the Llano Chamber of Commerce hosts a Hunters Welcome event to
1-43 express the city's appreciation for the contributions hunters make
1-44 to the town's prosperity, and throughout the season, banners,
1-45 posters, and special offers from businesses create a friendly
1-46 environment for hunting enthusiasts; and

1-47 WHEREAS, From its origins as a frontier town to the present
1-48 day, Llano has been a paradise for deer hunters, and the community's
1-49 prominent role in this popular sport is indeed deserving of special
1-50 recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-51 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-52 hereby designate Llano as the official Deer Capital of the Texas
1-53 Hill Country; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-55 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-56 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-57 passed by the legislature.

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