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H.C.R. No. 10

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Now in its 15th year, the East Texas What-A-Melon  
2 Festival offers a refreshing tribute each summer to one of the  
3 region's most significant agricultural products; and

4           WHEREAS, Shelby County is a leader among  
5 watermelon-producing counties in the Lone Star State, and every  
6 year on the second Friday and Saturday in July, approximately  
7 10,000 people travel to the county seat of Center and give a boost  
8 to the local economy while sampling the mouth-watering melon and  
9 participating in a host of fun-filled activities; and

10           WHEREAS, The festival's attractions include a largest  
11 watermelon contest, seed spitting, an antique car show, lawnmower  
12 races, country music, a carnival, and assorted vendors selling  
13 tasty food and unique craft items; and

14           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Center Business Association, the  
15 festival helps fund such popular community projects as holiday  
16 lighting and downtown decorations and banners; and

17           WHEREAS, Through the years, the organizers of the East Texas  
18 What-A-Melon Festival have hosted an event that provides attendees  
19 with a Texas-sized helping of fun and entertainment, and it is most  
20 appropriate that the success of this festival and Shelby County's  
21 importance as a major watermelon producer be duly recognized; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
24 3rd Called Session, hereby designate the East Texas What-A-Melon

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1 Festival as the Official Watermelon Festival of the State of Texas.