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S.C.R. No. 26

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Round Rock is following in the footsteps
3 of countless Texas pioneers by planting daffodils, a perennial
4 American favorite whose vivid blooms continue to beautify every
5 corner of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1994, Allen Baca, a Round Rock resident and
7 prominent member of its senior community, approached the town's
8 Senior Citizens Foundation with the idea of initiating a springtime
9 beautification project; his proposal won endorsement, and in 1994
10 and 1995 senior citizens planted numerous daffodil bulbs throughout
11 the city, chiefly in such public areas as city rights-of-way,
12 parks, and the grounds of schools and churches; and

13 WHEREAS, The foundation expanded the program in 1996, when it
14 began selling bulbs to the public as a fund-raiser for programs
15 benefiting the community's older residents; each year, the
16 foundation makes available approximately 30,000 bulbs for this
17 purpose, and area citizens have taken this compelling cause to
18 heart, extending the focus of the plantings to residential areas as
19 well as public spaces; and

20 WHEREAS, For the past eight years as well, the foundation has
21 sponsored the highly popular Daffodil Festival; a family-oriented
22 event held the first Saturday in March at the downtown Senior
23 Citizens Center, the festival coincides with the blooming of the
24 daffodils and celebrates the arrival of spring with food, games,

1 entertainment, and arts and crafts booths; and

2 WHEREAS, The hardy, colorful daffodil is a fitting emblem for
3 the City of Round Rock, which traces its roots back to the mid-19th
4 century and the community that grew up around Jacob Harrell's
5 blacksmith shop on Brushy Creek; the settlers who stopped in Round
6 Rock and at myriad other points in the Lone Star State were quick to
7 beautify their surroundings with the durable daffodil, and the
8 progeny of those plants still bloom around the sites of old
9 homesteads and in the midst of innumerable country cemeteries; and

10 WHEREAS, Through its commitment to its senior citizens and
11 its ambition to further enhance the attractiveness of this historic
12 community, the town of Round Rock has embraced the annual planting
13 of masses of daffodils, and it is appropriate that the affinity
14 between this fine Central Texas city and this flower beloved by
15 Texans since colonial days be duly recognized; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby designate Round Rock as the official Daffodil Capital of
19 Texas.