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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Known throughout the world as an inexhaustible
2 source of every variety of American music, Texas boasts
3 particularly rich reserves of the distinctive musical genre known
4 as the blues; and

5 WHEREAS, The community of Navasota exemplifies the Lone Star
6 State's strengths in this area, combining as it does a lively
7 contemporary blues scene with the birthplace of one of the great
8 Texas blues artists; and

9 WHEREAS, Blues aficionados are well aware that the beloved
10 singer and guitarist Mance Lipscomb was born near Navasota, and
11 although he was almost 65 years of age before he committed his
12 distinctive performance style to a recording, his wide-ranging
13 repertoire of blues, boogies, ballads, rags, dance tunes, and
14 sacred music is an apt reflection of the breadth of his home state's
15 musical treasures; and

16 WHEREAS, Mance Lipscomb's heritage lives on in present-day
17 Navasota, where the heirs to this profound musical legacy have
18 created the Navasota Blues Fest; and

19 WHEREAS, The Navasota Blues Fest not only brings together
20 blues musicians for an annual celebration of regional music but
21 also administers the Mance Lipscomb Scholarship Fund, which each
22 year awards a scholarship to a deserving senior at Navasota High
23 School; and

24 WHEREAS, Just as Mance Lipscomb personified Texas music in

1 his encyclopedic grasp of a host of musical styles, so the city of
2 Navasota is a fitting representative of the richness, power, and
3 variety of the Texas blues tradition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby designate Navasota as the official Blues Capital of Texas.