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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Though separated by thousands of miles, Texas and  
2 Ireland are bound by strong ties of culture, history, and  
3 sensibility, and nowhere is this fact more apparent than in the fine  
4 community of Dublin, Texas, in Erath County; and

5           WHEREAS, The town's deep affinity with Ireland is hardly  
6 limited to its sharing the name of that country's capital, for a  
7 notable Irish influence has left its imprint on the history of this  
8 attractive Texas community; and

9           WHEREAS, Just as Ireland is renowned as a center for equine  
10 attractions, drawing visitors from far and wide to its races,  
11 shows, and fairs, so Dublin has for many years been closely  
12 associated with the distinctively American display of riding skill  
13 known as the rodeo; serving as the home of the World Championship  
14 Rodeo from 1940 to 1959, the community remains a significant site on  
15 the rodeo map, with several championship title holders and trainers  
16 living in the vicinity; and

17           WHEREAS, Much of Dublin's early prominence in the area was  
18 due to several families of Irish Jews who settled there after  
19 encountering discrimination in New England; these pioneers played  
20 an instrumental role in the town's development as a regional trade  
21 center; and

22           WHEREAS, Reminders of the community's namesake may be found  
23 everywhere in Dublin: in street names such as Shamrock, Shannon,  
24 and Belfast, in the Dublin High School colors of gold and Kelly

1 green, and in the city's flag, a white shamrock set against a  
2 brilliant green background; and

3 WHEREAS, Dublin maintains cordial relations with the Irish  
4 capital, for the two towns have been pleased to recognize one  
5 another as sister cities and now exchange communications several  
6 times a year; and

7 WHEREAS, For obvious reasons, St. Patrick's Day is a high  
8 point of the Dublin, Texas, calendar, and visitors who happen  
9 across the town's March festivities may be forgiven for thinking  
10 that they had somehow been transported back to the Auld Sod, so  
11 joyful and exuberant is the community's celebration; and

12 WHEREAS, Of all the features that unite this forward-looking  
13 Texas city with that fabled land to the East, none is more readily  
14 apparent than the great good cheer and infectious friendliness of  
15 these outgoing Texans, who welcome friend and stranger alike with  
16 hospitality as warm and sincere as any to be found on the Emerald  
17 Isle; and

18 WHEREAS, The people of Dublin are rightly proud of their many  
19 connections to their cousins across the Atlantic, and it is only  
20 fitting that the clear stamp of Erin on their community be formally  
21 recognized; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby designate Dublin as the official Irish Capital of Texas.