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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The rich and colorful history of early Texas is a  
2 story that has seized the imagination of people around the world,  
3 and at the very heart of this tale lies the city of San Felipe in  
4 Austin County; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1824, San Felipe de Austin was founded by Stephen  
6 F. Austin as the unofficial capital of his colony, and the town  
7 rapidly became a vital business and communications center, second  
8 only to San Antonio in importance at the time of the Texas  
9 Revolution; and

10 WHEREAS, The hub of the region's early postal service, San  
11 Felipe was also the home of the *Texas Gazette*, one of the state's  
12 earliest newspapers, serving as a touchstone of civilization and  
13 culture in a wild and untamed land; and

14 WHEREAS, San Felipe also played a central role in the Texas  
15 Revolution as the site of the conventions of 1832 and 1833 and the  
16 Consultation of 1835, which sowed the seeds for the Texas  
17 Revolution; and

18 WHEREAS, Like many Texas communities, San Felipe suffered the  
19 devastation and privation of war during the Revolution, but in the  
20 years after the Civil War the town was imbued with new vigor by new  
21 settlers, including large populations of Czech and Mexican  
22 immigrants; and

23 WHEREAS, Though very much a modern community, San Felipe is  
24 also uniquely resonant with the echoes of the Lone Star State's

1 storied past, and its singular historical stature is deserving of  
2 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby designate San Felipe the Colonial Capital of Texas and  
5 extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the future.