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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is known throughout the world
2 for the excellence, richness, and variety of its contributions to
3 American country music, and indeed it is all but impossible to
4 imagine a Texas without this popular and durable art form; and

5 WHEREAS, Of the many cities and towns that have contributed
6 to the greatness of Texas country music, Carthage is distinguished
7 not only by the stellar musical talent to have emerged from this
8 area but also by its citizens' noteworthy efforts to preserve and
9 celebrate country music's sweeping legacy; and

10 WHEREAS, Two of the most beloved and successful performers in
11 the history of country music were born in Panola County near
12 Carthage, and the disparate but equally compelling styles of the
13 singing cowboy star Tex Ritter and the sophisticated country
14 crooner "Gentleman" Jim Reeves, both members of the Country Music
15 Hall of Fame, aptly illustrate the music's great range and
16 diversity; and

17 WHEREAS, Inspired by fond memories of these international
18 legends, the people of Carthage have committed themselves to honor
19 all those Texans who have contributed to the greatness of country
20 music through the creation of the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame
21 and the Tex Ritter Museum, and this worthwhile endeavor has further
22 underscored the importance of Carthage to Texas country music; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby designate Carthage the Country Music Capital of Texas and
2 extend to its citizens sincere gratitude for their important
3 contributions toward a better understanding of the state's musical
4 history.