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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Situated at the junction of the Edwards Plateau and
2 the southern Blackland Prairie, Buda has long offered citizens and
3 visitors alike a strong sense of connection to the natural world;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Buda was established in 1881 as a stopping place on
6 the International-Great Northern Railroad, but for many years
7 before that time, the vicinity of the present-day town was
8 traversed by people engaged in a variety of pursuits; and

9 WHEREAS, When Texas still formed part of the Spanish Empire,
10 the Camino Real, the main route from San Antonio to East Texas,
11 skirted Buda to the east; later, stage and mail routes passed
12 through the area, which was settled as early as 1846; and

13 WHEREAS, During the days of the open range, cattle herds were
14 gathered on the surrounding grazing lands and driven northward to
15 Kansas over the Chisholm Trail; for a number of years, Buda would
16 also serve as a trade center for ranchers, for local dairymen, whose
17 farms once totaled nearly 50 in number, and for farmers engaged in
18 the cultivation of cotton; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Buda lies along the route of trail rides for
20 both the Austin and San Antonio rodeos; in addition, more than 50
21 acres of land on Onion Creek are set to be developed as Buda
22 Stagecoach Park; design proposals include wetlands, a wildflower
23 meadow, xeriscape gardens, picnic and campsites, a nature trail,
24 and a hike and bike trail; and

1 WHEREAS, Native Americans once hunted buffalo, bear, deer,
2 and wild turkeys in the environs of Buda, and the presence of wild
3 game there continues to draw modern professional and weekend
4 hunters; moreover, fishing, camping, canoeing, and hiking can be
5 enjoyed in the area year-round; and

6 WHEREAS, To serve the many sportsmen and sportswomen in the
7 region, two renowned outfitters, the Texas Outdoor Zone and
8 Cabela's, have opened, or are in the process of building, retail
9 outlets in Buda; and

10 WHEREAS, An appreciation for the outdoors remains strong
11 among the residents of this fine Texas community, which offers
12 myriad ways in which to discover and savor the joy of time spent
13 under the open sky; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby designate Buda as the official Outdoor Capital of Texas.