

1-1 By: Rose (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.C.R. No. 105
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;
1-3 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Situated at the junction of the Edwards Plateau and
1-8 the southern Blackland Prairie, Buda has long offered citizens and
1-9 visitors alike a strong sense of connection to the natural world;
1-10 and

1-11 WHEREAS, Buda was established in 1881 as a stopping place on
1-12 the International-Great Northern Railroad, but for many years
1-13 before that time, the vicinity of the present-day town was
1-14 traversed by people engaged in a variety of pursuits; and

1-15 WHEREAS, When Texas still formed part of the Spanish Empire,
1-16 the Camino Real, the main route from San Antonio to East Texas,
1-17 skirted Buda to the east; later, stage and mail routes passed
1-18 through the area, which was settled as early as 1846; and

1-19 WHEREAS, During the days of the open range, cattle herds were
1-20 gathered on the surrounding grazing lands and driven northward to
1-21 Kansas over the Chisholm Trail; for a number of years, Buda would
1-22 also serve as a trade center for ranchers, for local dairymen, whose
1-23 farms once totaled nearly 50 in number, and for farmers engaged in
1-24 the cultivation of cotton; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Today, Buda lies along the route of trail rides for
1-26 both the Austin and San Antonio rodeos; in addition, more than 50
1-27 acres of land on Onion Creek are set to be developed as Buda
1-28 Stagecoach Park; design proposals include wetlands, a wildflower
1-29 meadow, xeriscape gardens, picnic and campsites, a nature trail,
1-30 and a hike and bike trail; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Native Americans once hunted buffalo, bear, deer,
1-32 and wild turkeys in the environs of Buda, and the presence of wild
1-33 game there continues to draw modern professional and weekend
1-34 hunters; moreover, fishing, camping, canoeing, and hiking can be
1-35 enjoyed in the area year-round; and

1-36 WHEREAS, To serve the many sportsmen and sportswomen in the
1-37 region, a renowned outfitter, Cabela's, is opening a retail outlet
1-38 in Buda; and

1-39 WHEREAS, An appreciation for the outdoors remains strong
1-40 among the residents of this fine Texas community, which offers
1-41 myriad ways in which to discover and savor the joy of time spent
1-42 under the open sky; now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-44 hereby designate Buda as the official Outdoor Capital of Texas.

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