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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The popularity of the poker game Texas Hold'em has
2 increased dramatically over the past several years, and each day
3 untold numbers of people throughout the world play this exciting
4 game of skill, intuition, and good old-fashioned luck; and

5 WHEREAS, A true phenomenon of our time, Texas Hold'em has
6 taken the world by storm, captivating countless card enthusiasts
7 with its deceptively simple format; whether betting and bluffing
8 across casino tables and kitchen tables, raising and folding in the
9 virtual world of online card rooms, or moving "all-in" at charity
10 poker tournaments, poker players everywhere have embraced this
11 fascinating and challenging game; and

12 WHEREAS, The game's invention dates back to the early 1900s
13 when it is traditionally held that the first hand of the popular
14 card game was dealt in the city of Robstown, and from there it
15 traveled northward in the hands of "rounders" and up the sleeves of
16 cardsharps who quickly recognized the game's potential for mass
17 appeal; and

18 WHEREAS, Poker legends such as Crandell Addington and Doyle
19 "Texas Dolly" Brunson helped further popularize the game in and
20 around Texas in the 1950s, and they and others eventually brought
21 Texas Hold'em to Las Vegas, where it was first played at the Golden
22 Nugget Casino in 1967; three years later, the inaugural World
23 Series of Poker was played at the Horseshoe Casino, featuring
24 no-limit Texas Hold'em to determine the world champion, and that

1 annual tournament has continued to grow in both size and stature
2 with each passing year; and

3 WHEREAS, The popularity of hold'em has no doubt been spurred
4 by the advent of online gaming and by the broadcast of televised
5 poker tournaments, most notably the World Series of Poker's "Main
6 Event," a \$10,000 no-limit Texas Hold'em tournament that attracts
7 top poker professionals, talented amateurs, celebrities, and poker
8 wannabes from around the globe hoping to become the next world
9 champion of poker; and

10 WHEREAS, It is said that Texas Hold'em takes a minute to learn
11 and a lifetime to master, and this telling statement underscores
12 the high level of skill necessary to win consistently; a successful
13 hold'em player relies on reason, intuition, and bravado, and these
14 same qualities have served many notable Texans well throughout the
15 proud history of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby formally recognize Robstown, Texas, as the birthplace of the
18 poker game Texas Hold'em.