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H.C.R. No. 186

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lake Lewisville, a 30,000-acre public freshwater
2 reservoir located within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area,
3 draws more than 2.5 million visitors each year for recreational
4 activities such as camping, picnicking, boating, swimming, and
5 fishing; and

6 WHEREAS, Sport fishing is one of the most popular
7 recreational activities in Texas, and Lake Lewisville has earned a
8 rating of "excellent" by the Parks and Wildlife Department for
9 catfish, crappie, and white bass and "good" for largemouth and
10 striped/hybrid bass; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to the tens of thousands of recreational
12 anglers who cast their lines in Lake Lewisville each year, hundreds
13 of competitive and professional anglers visit the lake annually to
14 participate in the more than two dozen fishing tournaments that are
15 held there; and

16 WHEREAS, The first Elite 50 tournament of the Bassmaster Tour
17 to be held in Texas took place at Lake Lewisville in June 2005;
18 attended by the top 50 professional bass anglers in the world, the
19 four-day event attracted nearly 20,000 spectators and generated
20 national television coverage; the winner of the tournament netted
21 an 11.81-pound largemouth bass, which ranked as the largest catch
22 on the tour and which set a lake record that was bested three more
23 times that calendar year; and

24 WHEREAS, In October 2005, the Bassmaster Tour returned to

1 Lake Lewisville to hold its first-ever women's tournament, and the
2 new Women's Bassmaster Tour staged a competition at the lake in May
3 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Lake Lewisville served in October 2006 as the site
5 of the inaugural BoatU.S. National Collegiate Bass Fishing
6 Championship, which is nationally televised; the championship is
7 scheduled to take place at the lake again on September 27-29, 2007;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The excellent bass fishing to be had at Lake
10 Lewisville has established that body of water as one of the foremost
11 bass-fishing sites in the state, and it is fitting that the lake's
12 special allure for bass-fishing enthusiasts be appropriately
13 recognized; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby designate Lake Lewisville as the official Urban Bass Fishing
16 Capital of Texas.