1-1 By: Harris S.C.R. No. 58 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 18, 2007; April 19, 2007, read 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization; 1-4 May 8, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, 1-5 Nays 0; May 8, 2007, sent to printer.)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Lewisville Lake is a 30,000-acre public freshwater 1-8 reservoir located within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area; 1-9 and

1-10 WHEREAS, Lewisville Lake draws more than two and one-half 1-11 million visitors each year for recreational activities, such as 1-12 camping, picnicking, boating, swimming, and fishing; and

1-13 WHEREAS, Sportfishing is one of the most popular recreational 1-14 activities in Texas, and Lewisville Lake is rated as "excellent" by 1-15 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for catfish, crappie, and 1-16 white bass fishing and as "good" for largemouth bass and 1-17 striped-hybrid bass fishing; and

1-18 WHEREAS, In addition to tens of thousands of recreational 1-19 anglers, more than two dozen fishing tournaments are held on 1-20 Lewisville Lake each year, drawing hundreds of competitive and 1-21 professional anglers; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In June of 2005, the Bassmaster Tour held an Elite 50 1-23 tournament at Lewisville Lake, the first Elite 50 tournament ever 1-24 held in Texas; the four-day event drew the top 50 professional bass 1-25 anglers in the world, attracted nearly 20,000 spectators, and 1-26 generated national television coverage; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The winner of the tournament netted an 11.81-pound 1-28 largemouth bass, the largest on the Bassmaster Elite 50 Tour; the 1-29 winner set a lake record that was bettered three more times that 1-30 calendar year; and

1-31 WHEREAS, In October of 2005, the Bassmaster Tour returned to 1-32 Lewisville Lake to hold its first Women's Bassmaster Tour event and 1-33 returned again in May of 2006 to hold another Women's Bassmaster 1-34 Tour tournament; and

1-35 WHEREAS, Also in October of 2005, Lewisville Lake was the 1-36 site for the inaugural BoatUS National Collegiate Bass-Fishing 1-37 Championship, produced and televised nationally by FOX College 1-38 Sports, and the lake has now been named the site for the 2007 1-39 championship event; now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas 1-41 hereby designate Lewisville Lake as the Urban Bass Fishing Capital 1-42 of Texas; and, be it further

1-43 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor 1-44 of the Urban Bass Fishing Capital of Texas.

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