By: Estes

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The community of Bridgeport, Texas, started from a 3 toll bridge crossing of the Trinity River for stagecoaches of the 4 Overland Mail Company, and the name "Bridgeport" was acquired from 5 the bridge that portaged the stream; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a national legislative initiative to create 7 a national Overland Mail Company trail from Tipton, Missouri, to 8 San Francisco, California, which will pass through Bridgeport, 9 Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The city's first economy was based on the stagecoach 11 and wagon shipping activity through Bridgeport; and

12 WHEREAS, Bridgeport has celebrated its unique Butterfield 13 Stage Days for many years, and there is a long tradition in 14 Bridgeport of using a stagecoach in at least three events annually; 15 and

16 WHEREAS, Bridgeport has its own Concord Stagecoach and keeps 17 it on public display; the city uses the stagecoach as a symbol and 18 an icon and plans events around its stagecoach heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Main Street program heritage and tourist efforts in Bridgeport have been, and continue to be, centered around the stagecoach theme; and

22 WHEREAS, Given Bridgeport's origins as a stagecoach crossing 23 and the continuing efforts of the city to preserve this picturesque 24 and symbolic part of its history, it is fitting that the historic

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connection between the stagecoach and the City of Bridgeport be
duly recognized; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas 4 hereby designate Bridgeport as the official Stagecoach Capital of 5 Texas.