By: Estes S.C.R. No. 11

## 1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 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
- 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
- 19 WHEREAS, The Main Street program heritage and tourist efforts
- 20 in Bridgeport have been, and continue to be, centered around the
- 21 stagecoach theme; and
- 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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- 1 connection between the stagecoach and the City of Bridgeport be
- 2 duly recognized; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
- 4 hereby designate Bridgeport as the official Stagecoach Capital of
- 5 Texas.