

1-1 By: Estes S.C.R. No. 11  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2009; March 13, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Government  
1-4 Organization; April 7, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 7, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The community of Bridgeport, Texas, started from a  
1-8 toll bridge crossing of the Trinity River for stagecoaches of the  
1-9 Overland Mail Company, and the name "Bridgeport" was acquired from  
1-10 the bridge that portaged the stream; and

1-11 WHEREAS, There is a national legislative initiative to create  
1-12 a national Overland Mail Company trail from Tipton, Missouri, to  
1-13 San Francisco, California, which will pass through Bridgeport,  
1-14 Texas; and

1-15 WHEREAS, The city's first economy was based on the stagecoach  
1-16 and wagon shipping activity through Bridgeport; and

1-17 WHEREAS, Bridgeport has celebrated its unique Butterfield  
1-18 Stage Days for many years, and there is a long tradition in  
1-19 Bridgeport of using a stagecoach in at least three events annually;  
1-20 and

1-21 WHEREAS, Bridgeport has its own Concord Stagecoach and keeps  
1-22 it on public display; the city uses the stagecoach as a symbol and  
1-23 an icon and plans events around its stagecoach heritage; and

1-24 WHEREAS, The Main Street program heritage and tourist efforts  
1-25 in Bridgeport have been, and continue to be, centered around the  
1-26 stagecoach theme; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Given Bridgeport's origins as a stagecoach crossing  
1-28 and the continuing efforts of the city to preserve this picturesque  
1-29 and symbolic part of its history, it is fitting that the historic  
1-30 connection between the stagecoach and the City of Bridgeport be  
1-31 duly recognized; now, therefore, be it

1-32 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-33 hereby designate Bridgeport as the official Stagecoach Capital of  
1-34 Texas.

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