

1-1 By: Darby (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.C.R. No. 24  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;  
1-3 May 3, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Government Organization; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The State of Texas traditionally has recognized a  
1-8 variety of official symbols as tangible representations of the  
1-9 proud character and colorful heritage of the Lone Star State;  
1-10 select plant varieties, including the bluebonnet and the prickly  
1-11 pear cactus, have received official recognition, which has served  
1-12 to draw attention to the great biological diversity of our  
1-13 landscape; and

1-14 WHEREAS, Texas supports not only an abundance of land-based  
1-15 plants but also many aquatic species, and one particular type of  
1-16 waterlily comes to the forefront as an especially worthy symbol of  
1-17 the state: *Nymphaea* Texas Dawn; and

1-18 WHEREAS, A hardy and exceptionally lovely plant, *Nymphaea*  
1-19 Texas Dawn is a hybrid that was created in 1985 by Texas resident  
1-20 Kenneth Landon, a world-renowned expert in the field of *Nymphaea*  
1-21 and the director of the International Waterlily Collection in San  
1-22 Angelo; described as one of the most stunning yellow waterlilies to  
1-23 be introduced in more than a century, *N. Texas Dawn* frequently  
1-24 blooms 10 inches above the surface of the water in clusters of six  
1-25 or more; in early spring, the base of the petals produces a light  
1-26 orange glow, and in late summer and fall, the flowers may suffuse  
1-27 with pink; and

1-28 WHEREAS, In 1990, *N. Texas Dawn* received the American Award  
1-29 from the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS);  
1-30 more recently, it was accorded top ranking among aquatic plants in  
1-31 the rigorous Texas Superstar program of the Texas Cooperative  
1-32 Extension of Texas A&M University, and the species is listed by  
1-33 other hybridizers as a parent for more than a dozen named  
1-34 waterlilies; and

1-35 WHEREAS, *N. Texas Dawn* has been featured prominently at the  
1-36 International Waterlily Collection in San Angelo, which was  
1-37 established by Mr. Landon in 1988 in a little-used pond in Civic  
1-38 League Park; in the years since, the collection has become  
1-39 recognized as one of the most important exhibits of its kind in the  
1-40 world, and it was the focal point of the 2010 symposium of the IWGS;  
1-41 the presence of this widely admired facility has given Texas great  
1-42 prominence among water gardening enthusiasts, and it makes the  
1-43 designation of *N. Texas Dawn* as the state waterlily all the more  
1-44 appropriate; and

1-45 WHEREAS, This noteworthy species is the first waterlily to be  
1-46 named for Texas, and its unique beauty and resilient character  
1-47 indeed make it a fitting symbol for the Lone Star State; now,  
1-48 therefore, be it

1-49 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-50 hereby designate *Nymphaea* Texas Dawn as the official State  
1-51 Waterlily of Texas.

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