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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas is widely known for its excellent recreational
2 activities and vacation destinations, and among the state's most
3 unspoiled and inviting getaways is the picturesque Lake Whitney
4 area; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in the Brazos River Basin, Lake Whitney was
6 one of the earliest recreational lakes built near the Dallas/Fort
7 Worth area; completed in April 1951 as part of the Brazos River
8 Conservation and Reclamation Program, it is maintained by the
9 United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, and is
10 situated five miles from the town of Whitney on the edge of Hill and
11 Bosque Counties; other nearby communities that help provide
12 visitors with the comforts of home include Hillsboro, Clifton,
13 Meridian, Aquilla, Morgan, Lakeside Village, Laguna Park, Blum,
14 Valley Mills, and Kopperl; and

15 WHEREAS, The 955-acre Lake Whitney State Park features
16 campsites, screened shelters, swimming beaches, boat ramps, and an
17 air strip; the region also provides full service marinas and a broad
18 range of overnight accommodations; and

19 WHEREAS, Lake Whitney's reputation as a premier location to
20 catch bass and catfish is a big draw for the nation's fishing
21 enthusiasts, and the lake has received positive coverage from
22 national sporting publications; and

23 WHEREAS, For those who prefer their recreation on land, the
24 area is home to a number of golf courses and 3,000 acres of winding

1 trails for horseback riding; bird and wildlife watchers can delight
2 in the lake area's 300 migratory and nonmigratory bird species, and
3 a local wildlife population that features more than 50 different
4 species of mammals, including the white-tailed deer; and

5 WHEREAS, Historically visited by everyone from Native
6 Americans and European settlers to gunslingers, such as John Wesley
7 Hardin, the Lake Whitney area is today easily accessible from major
8 metropolitan areas of the state, making it the perfect getaway for
9 those who enjoy a relaxed pace and abundant amenities; and

10 WHEREAS, The 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 designated the Lake Whitney area as the Getaway Capital of Texas in
12 2005 in recognition of its myriad attractions; this outstanding
13 destination remains as enjoyable as ever, and it is indeed fitting
14 that this official title be continued; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby redesignate the Lake Whitney area as the Getaway Capital of
17 Texas.