

1-1 By: Hegar S.C.R. No. 18
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2011; March 1, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 March 16, 2011, reported favorably, as amended, by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 16, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Zaffirini

1-7 Amend S.C.R. No. 18, on page 1, line 52, after "as" and before
1-8 "official", by striking "the" and replacing it with "an".

1-9 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-10 WHEREAS, The city of Gonzales has special prominence in the
1-11 history of this state as the site of the first battle of the Texas
1-12 Revolution, and the town seeks to heighten awareness of the rich
1-13 heritage shared by all Texans with a number of museums it has opened
1-14 to tell the colorful and inspiring story of the Lone Star State; and

1-15 WHEREAS, Recognizing the significance of the community's
1-16 historical attractions, the Gonzales Texas History Museums
1-17 Partnership, working in conjunction with city leaders, has
1-18 established a history museum district that encompasses the public
1-19 lands between and adjacent to Saint Lawrence Street and Saint Louis
1-20 Street, extending from Highway 183 to Highway 90; within that area
1-21 are 18 sites that help illuminate our state's unique past; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Several of the museum district locations
1-23 commemorate the events surrounding that fateful day of October 2,
1-24 1835, when local residents took up arms against Mexican troops,
1-25 firing the first shots in the revolution that would lead to the
1-26 independence of Texas; the Gonzales Memorial Museum contains a
1-27 mural honoring the brave patriots who took part in the Battle of
1-28 Gonzales as well as an artillery piece that some believe to be the
1-29 legendary "Come and Take It" cannon that sparked the skirmish; the
1-30 limestone museum building is interesting in its own right, having
1-31 been constructed in the 1930s to mark the centennial of the Lone
1-32 Star State; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Nearby is the Eggleston House Museum, a
1-34 dogtrot-style log cabin that was built in the 1840s, and the
1-35 district also contains numerous other examples of historic
1-36 architecture; among them are the Old College, built in 1851, the Old
1-37 Jail Museum, which dates to the late 1800s, and the Gonzales County
1-38 Courthouse, constructed in the mid-1890s; and

1-39 WHEREAS, The Gonzales museum district encompasses a variety
1-40 of additional landmarks as well, including the town's seven
1-41 downtown squares, churches that first opened their doors at the
1-42 turn of the 20th century, and the 1917 Crystal Theatre; and

1-43 WHEREAS, These sites have long been enjoyed by visitors to
1-44 Gonzales, and the establishment of the museum district is sure to
1-45 make the town an even more popular destination in the years ahead;
1-46 the community offers a treasure trove of interesting and
1-47 informative locations that help explain how Texas was established
1-48 and how it has developed into the state we know today, and the
1-49 community's role as a center for historical tourism is indeed
1-50 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-51 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
1-52 hereby designate a portion of the city of Gonzales as the official
1-53 Texas History Museum District.

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