

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.C.R. No. 84  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;  
 1-3 May 6, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13			X	
1-14	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The people of the Lone Star State are proud of their  
 1-17 agricultural heritage, and for many years, the city of Floydada has  
 1-18 been associated with one crop in particular, the pumpkin; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The history of the pumpkin in Floyd County can be  
 1-20 dated back to the 1540s and the time of the Spanish explorer  
 1-21 Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, whose starving expedition was fed  
 1-22 roasted pumpkins by native tribes who lived near Blanco Canyon; the  
 1-23 modern pumpkin industry in Texas began with Floyd County farmer  
 1-24 B. A. "Uncle Slim" Robertson, who began growing the squash on 10  
 1-25 acres, selling produce by the side of the road; he later increased  
 1-26 his acreage and went on to ship truckloads of pumpkins far and wide;  
 1-27 and

1-28 WHEREAS, In recent times, Floydada has carried on "Slim"  
 1-29 Robertson's legacy by making the pumpkin a mainstay of its economy  
 1-30 and culture, and Floydada pumpkins and squashes have become coveted  
 1-31 by consumers in Texas and beyond; the city produces between 15 and  
 1-32 20 million pumpkins every year, ranging from the orange Jack  
 1-33 O'Lantern to pie pumpkins to white and red pumpkins to Atlantic  
 1-34 Giants, which can weigh several hundred pounds; and

1-35 WHEREAS, The city has trademarked itself as the Pumpkin  
 1-36 Capital of the United States, and since 1987, the second Saturday of  
 1-37 every October has been celebrated in Floydada as Punkin Day, a  
 1-38 festival that features every pumpkin-related activity imaginable,  
 1-39 including pumpkin carving, pie baking, pumpkin bowling, and  
 1-40 guessing the weight of giant pumpkins; and

1-41 WHEREAS, Citizens of Floydada have long been proud of their  
 1-42 association with this festive and nutritious agricultural product,  
 1-43 which is both a significant source of revenue and an inspiration for  
 1-44 high-spirited fun; now, therefore, be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-46 hereby designate Floydada as the Pumpkin Capital of Texas.

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