

1-1 By: Button (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.C.R. No. 96  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 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
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1-13			X	
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The cowboy hat has long been associated with  
 1-17 residents of the Lone Star State, and for many years, the city of  
 1-18 Garland has been home to the leading manufacturers of this  
 1-19 emblematic Texan headgear; and

1-20 WHEREAS, John B. Stetson first invented the hat that came to  
 1-21 be known as the "Boss of the Plains" in 1865, and in 1927, a Michigan  
 1-22 investor named E. R. Byer and a hatmaker named Harry Rolnick  
 1-23 founded the Byer-Rolnick company in Dallas to manufacture the brand  
 1-24 of cowboy hat called Resistol, for its ability to resist all  
 1-25 weathers; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Thanks to a growing demand, Byer-Rolnick opened a  
 1-27 larger factory in Garland in 1938, where Resistol hats have been  
 1-28 made ever since; Stetsons are now made in Garland as well, along  
 1-29 with the western fashion hats made by the Charlie 1 Horse Hat  
 1-30 Company; all three companies are part of Hatco, which is  
 1-31 headquartered in Garland and employs nearly 400 people; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The concentration of hat-making talent in Garland  
 1-33 has led to the formation of several other companies; Master Hatters  
 1-34 of Texas was founded in 1968 by a former Byer-Rolnick employee,  
 1-35 William Cook, and the Milano Hat Company, founded by John Milano in  
 1-36 1983, opened a new facility in 2006; Dallas Hats has been making  
 1-37 palm leaf and raffia cowboy hats in the city since 1989; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Garland is also home to the Dallas County  
 1-39 Manufacturing Association and the Garland Chamber of Commerce, and  
 1-40 their essential contributions to the community's  
 1-41 manufacturing-minded environment make the city an ideal location  
 1-42 for businesses of all sorts; and

1-43 WHEREAS, The production of cowboy hats contributes not only  
 1-44 to the Texas economy, but to the rich cultural history of our state,  
 1-45 and the city of Garland may indeed take great pride in its central  
 1-46 role in the design and manufacture of this iconic Texas product;  
 1-47 now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-49 hereby designate Garland as the Cowboy Hat Capital of Texas.

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