

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Leon Valley in Bexar County is dedicated  
2 to responsible environmental stewardship, and in March 2013, it  
3 earned designation as a "Tree City USA"; and

4           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and operated  
5 locally by Texas A&M Forest Service, the Tree City USA program  
6 recognizes communities that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to  
7 urban forestry; qualifying cities must create a tree board or  
8 department, implement a tree care ordinance, support a substantial  
9 community forestry program, and observe Arbor Day with a formal  
10 proclamation; and

11           WHEREAS, One of only 73 Texas communities to receive this  
12 designation, Leon Valley has in recent years undertaken a variety  
13 of important measures to reduce, reuse, and recycle and to expand  
14 its green spaces; among them is "El Verde by 2020," a comprehensive  
15 plan for sustainability that includes increasing the city's tree  
16 canopy with an initiative to plant 10,000 trees in 10 years,  
17 promoting green building construction, reducing water usage, and  
18 making city government carbon neutral by 2020; in addition,  
19 officials have updated the city's tree preservation regulations and  
20 set aside a date in February to celebrate "Earthwise Living Day" as  
21 an occasion to raise awareness of earth-friendly habits; and

22           WHEREAS, Trees not only provide shade and beauty but also  
23 enhance the quality of life for area residents, and Leon Valley has  
24 distinguished itself with its many endeavors to ensure the

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1 community has plentiful trees and other natural resources that can  
2 be enjoyed for many generations to come; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the city of Leon Valley on securing  
5 the title of "Tree City USA" and commend Mayor Chris Riley, the  
6 members of the Leon Valley City Council, and all those involved in  
7 the city's urban forestry and environmental programs for their  
8 continued support and promotion of green initiatives.

Rodriguez of Bexar

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1828 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House