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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The dynamic community of Nocona in North Texas has
2 earned distinction for itself in recent years as a center for the
3 preservation and celebration of classic American automobiles; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the historic Chisholm Trail, Nocona is
5 home to impressive automotive museums created by local
6 entrepreneurs Pete and Barbara Horton; the dozens of vintage,
7 classic, and muscle cars found at the facilities are carefully
8 maintained by museum director Billy Dean Dobbs; and

9 WHEREAS, The Horton Classic Car Museum is housed in a former
10 Ford dealership on West Walnut Street, and it features more than 120
11 automobiles, including over 40 Corvettes from nearly every model
12 year between 1953 and 1978, as well as a variety of Packards,
13 Plymouths, Oldsmobiles, and a Studebaker, among other makes; and

14 WHEREAS, The Horton Motor Company Museum is situated a few
15 blocks away in the town's picturesque former Chevrolet dealership,
16 and it contains 16 more cars from the Hortons' collection,
17 including a 1965 Chevy Chevelle SS Malibu Z-16, a 1970 Plymouth
18 Hemi-Cuda "Tribute" Convertible, and a 1968 Shelby GT-500 Cobra
19 Mustang signed by legendary automobile designer Carroll Shelby; and

20 WHEREAS, Each May, the community proudly hosts Cruisin'
21 Nocona, one of the fastest growing events of its kind in the Lone
22 Star State; for three days, the town attracts classic cars and car
23 enthusiasts from across the state and region; events include a
24 classic car cruise through the scenic hills of the Red River Valley

1 and the exciting Vicari Classic Car Auction; and

2 WHEREAS, American automobiles of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s
3 embody our nation's robust sense of style, our love of adventure,
4 and our joy in the open road, and the community of Nocona is indeed
5 worthy of special distinction for its celebration of the
6 indomitable spirit of the classic automobile; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby designate the town of Nocona as the official Classic Car
9 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
11 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
12 until its 10th anniversary.