

By: Murr

H.C.R. No. 64

Substitute the following for H.C.R. No. 64:

By: Larson

C.S.H.C.R. No. 64

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The picturesque Hill Country community of Llano has
2 long been known across the state and nation as a premier location
3 for deer hunting; and

4 WHEREAS, In the years after its founding in 1855, Llano was
5 the last stop on the railroad and an outpost on the edge of the
6 largely unsettled land that extended to the west; many settlers
7 relied on the abundant deer and other game as a source of food,
8 particularly as they were first establishing their ranches and
9 farms; and

10 WHEREAS, Even after the frontier era passed, the countryside
11 near Llano retained its thriving deer population; hunters from
12 other parts of the state and beyond began making trips to the area,
13 and by the early decades of the 1900s, the community was being
14 regarded by many as the "Deer Capital of Texas"; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the town remains one of the Lone Star State's
16 most popular destinations for deer hunters; the region of the Hill
17 Country around Llano boasts one of the highest densities of deer in
18 the nation, with a ratio of one deer for every two to three acres of
19 land; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 15,000 people hunt in Llano County each
21 year, harvesting over 12,000 white-tailed deer annually; the
22 hunters spend as much as \$3.5 million in the county, making the
23 sport a significant factor in the local economy; and

24 WHEREAS, On the Friday before the start of each deer season,

1 the Llano Chamber of Commerce hosts a Hunters Welcome event to
2 express the city's appreciation for the contributions hunters make
3 to the town's prosperity, and throughout the season, banners,
4 posters, and special offers from businesses create a friendly
5 environment for hunting enthusiasts; and

6 WHEREAS, From its origins as a frontier town to the present
7 day, Llano has been a paradise for deer hunters, and the community's
8 prominent role in this popular sport is indeed deserving of special
9 recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby designate Llano as the Original Deer Capital of Texas; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
14 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
15 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.