

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.C.R. No. 76
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife	X			
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner			X	
1-13 West	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the South Texas community of
 1-17 Poteet has been known across the Lone Star State as a source of
 1-18 delicious strawberries and as the host of a renowned annual
 1-19 strawberry festival; and

1-20 WHEREAS, In 1911, city founders Henry and Ida Mumme began to
 1-21 grow strawberries in their kitchen garden, and within 10 years, the
 1-22 community's strawberry crop had become one of its most successful
 1-23 products; local citizens invited residents of nearby San Antonio to
 1-24 sample the town's strawberries in 1921, and the *San Antonio*
 1-25 *Express-News* ran a story headlined "Crimson Berries Beckon Hungry
 1-26 Tourists to Poteet"; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Building on the city's reputation, the Poteet Rotary
 1-28 Club staged the first Poteet Strawberry Festival in April 1948,
 1-29 hoping to provide an incentive for veterans of World War II to
 1-30 return to area farms; the club also promoted more careful packing of
 1-31 the crop so that each buyer would receive a uniform pint, flat, or
 1-32 crate of berries; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past 67 years, the festival
 1-34 has grown to become one of the signature springtime events in South
 1-35 Texas, drawing 100,000 visitors and contributing up to \$12 million
 1-36 to the local economy each year; in addition to the strawberries
 1-37 themselves, the popular gathering features live country music, a
 1-38 rodeo, and a food show and auction; and

1-39 WHEREAS, The Poteet Strawberry Festival Association has also
 1-40 presented college scholarships to deserving local students for the
 1-41 past two decades; it currently gives away 10 scholarships each
 1-42 year, while many of the more than 30 churches, schools, and civic
 1-43 organizations that participate in the festival donate scholarships
 1-44 as well; and

1-45 WHEREAS, This sweet, juicy, and colorful fruit is a delight
 1-46 to behold and to taste, and for many years, the citizens of Poteet
 1-47 have made the strawberry both a source of prosperity and a cause for
 1-48 celebration; now, therefore, be it

1-49 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-50 hereby designate Poteet as the official Strawberry Capital of
 1-51 Texas; and, be it further

1-52 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-53 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-54 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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