

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly 200 years, people all
2 around the world have come to know the State of Texas as "the Lone
3 Star State," and it is time that this universally recognized
4 nickname receive official recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, The exact origins of this colorful phrase, and the
6 use of a single, white, five-pointed star to represent Texas, are
7 unclear; some accounts trace it to a flag carried by the James Long
8 Expedition in 1819, an early attempt to free Texas from the Spanish
9 empire, while a recent discovery of coins that were minted in what
10 is now San Antonio, showing a five-pointed star on one side and the
11 year 1817 on the other, suggest that the star was already in use as a
12 symbol for the region; and

13 WHEREAS, The first official use of the Lone Star came in 1836,
14 when the Congress of the Republic of Texas adopted a flag with a
15 five-pointed gold star on a background of deep azure, known as the
16 David G. Burnet Flag; three years later, the Texas Congress adopted
17 what is commonly known as the Lone Star Flag, showing a bright white
18 star against deep blue on the left of the flag and two horizontal
19 stripes of white and red on the flag's right; this was made the
20 official flag of the State of Texas in 1933; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, the distinctive five-pointed star and the
22 phrase "the Lone Star State" are instantly recognizable the world
23 over as the primary symbol and nickname for Texas; the term "Lone
24 Star" has been adopted by countless enterprises, from a brand of

1 beer to car dealerships, restaurants, hotels, and barbecue
2 establishments, along with nearly every other sort of business;
3 over the years, at least 10 communities in Texas have been named
4 Lone Star, including towns in Morris, Floyd, Bastrop, Delta, Polk,
5 and other counties; and

6 WHEREAS, Whatever its origins, and whatever its uses, from
7 the serious to the playful, the phrase "the Lone Star State" has
8 achieved universal currency as a sharp and memorable way to evoke
9 the unique legacy of Texas and the indomitable spirit of its people;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby designate "the Lone Star State" as the official nickname of
13 Texas.

Guillen

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor