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R E S O L U T I O N

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 nicknamed and thereby regarded by many as the "Deer Capital of
15 Texas"; and

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Llano has been historically and widely recognized
12 throughout the state and nation as the "Deer Capital of Texas" by
13 official publications and online research sites such as Texas
14 Highways Magazine, TravelTex.com, Texas State Historical
15 Association, and the Insurance Council of Texas; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Llano as the Deer Capital of Texas; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the city of Llano as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.