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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 a ratio of one deer for every two to  
19 three acres of land, representing a density of deer greater than any  
20 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 economic  
9 impact of deer hunting has been and continues to be an important  
10 driver of Llano's economy; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor Llano for its rich history as a renowned  
13 destination for Texas deer hunters; and, be it further

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