

1 each year, new additions to the project are dedicated at the
2 Children's Art & Literary Festival, a popular annual celebration
3 that includes family-friendly activities throughout downtown
4 Abilene; the festival is a collaborative effort of schools,
5 libraries, churches, civic groups, and city leaders, drawing crowds
6 of thousands from across the state and nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Literary works for children hold a cherished place
8 on the bookshelves of Texas families, and the true greats of the
9 genre weave captivating tales with dazzling artwork that is fondly
10 remembered for a lifetime; by embracing and promoting an essential
11 experience of childhood, residents of Abilene have established a
12 delightful tradition for young and old alike, and their efforts
13 have made the community a must-see destination for readers of all
14 ages; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby designate the city of Abilene as the official Storybook
17 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
19 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
20 until the 10th anniversary of its designation; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the children of our great state live happily
22 ever after.