

1-1 By: Fraser S.C.R. No. 38
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 7, 2015; April 8, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 April 29, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 29, 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 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For countless young readers, books open a window to
 1-17 a realm of imagination and possibility, and in recent years, the
 1-18 city of Abilene has undertaken a series of unique efforts to
 1-19 showcase the wonders of children's literature; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Abilene is the home of the National Center for
 1-21 Children's Illustrated Literature, the only museum in Texas that
 1-22 exclusively collects artwork from best-selling, award-winning
 1-23 children's book illustrators; established in 1996, the center has
 1-24 curated and toured nearly 60 exhibits in close to 40 states, which
 1-25 are enjoyed by one million people every year; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Further adding to the city's whimsical charm is its
 1-27 extensive collection of outdoor sculptures based on characters from
 1-28 children's classics; while walking the length of Everman Park,
 1-29 visitors can encounter bronze statues in the likeness of
 1-30 Dr. Seuss's creations, and heroes from the works of
 1-31 author-illustrators William Joyce and David Shannon are brought to
 1-32 life in locations throughout the city; young explorers can also
 1-33 receive a "passport" to help them find Seymour, the character from
 1-34 Walter Wick's *Can You See What I See?* books, who is hidden at
 1-35 several arts and cultural landmarks; and

1-36 WHEREAS, In total, 23 pieces have been commissioned by the
 1-37 Abilene Cultural Affairs Council as part of its Storybook Sculpture
 1-38 Project, thought to be the largest endeavor of its kind in any city;
 1-39 each year, new additions to the project are dedicated at the
 1-40 Children's Art & Literary Festival, a popular annual celebration
 1-41 that includes family-friendly activities throughout downtown
 1-42 Abilene; the festival is a collaborative effort of schools,
 1-43 libraries, churches, civic groups, and city leaders, drawing crowds
 1-44 of thousands from across the state and nation; and

1-45 WHEREAS, Literary works for children hold a cherished place
 1-46 on the bookshelves of Texas families, and the true greats of the
 1-47 genre weave captivating tales with dazzling artwork that is fondly
 1-48 remembered for a lifetime; by embracing and promoting an essential
 1-49 experience of childhood, residents of Abilene have established a
 1-50 delightful tradition for young and old alike, and their efforts
 1-51 have made the community a must-see destination for readers of all
 1-52 ages; now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-54 hereby designate the city of Abilene as the official Storybook
 1-55 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

1-56 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-57 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-58 until the 10th anniversary of its designation; and, be it further

1-59 RESOLVED, That the children of our great state live happily
 1-60 ever after.

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