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S.C.R. No. 41

1                                   SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Terry County grows more grapes than all the other  
3 counties in Texas combined; in 2013, there were approximately 800  
4 acres of vineyards in the county, constituting more than 80 percent  
5 of the grapes in the state; as many as 3,000 acres of grapes are  
6 expected to be planted in the county by the end of 2015 and 10,000  
7 acres in the coming years; and

8           WHEREAS, Terry County is part of the High Plains region,  
9 which endures many hot days but, at an altitude of over 3,600 feet,  
10 enjoys cool summer nights; this drop in temperature slows the pace  
11 of ripening and enables the grapes to mature over the growing  
12 season, producing a better juice for wine production; and

13           WHEREAS, The region is extraordinarily windy, which reduces  
14 problems related to humidity, such as mildew; its soil is sandy clay  
15 over a bed of caliche, and these layers allow good drainage down to  
16 the bedrock; and

17           WHEREAS, Many Terry County farmers are agricultural  
18 producers whose families have been in the area for generations;  
19 they possess unparalleled knowledge of the land and the requisite  
20 work ethic to successfully bring a crop to maturity; with each  
21 growing season, more acreage is planted with grapes and the farming  
22 community's knowledge of grape growing also increases; and

23           WHEREAS, The business community in the county fully supports  
24 the grape-growing industry, and a local chamber of commerce held

1 the first Taste of Terry County Vineyard Festival in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, An increasing number of publications, such as the  
3 *Wall Street Journal*, are recognizing Terry County for its  
4 development into a producer of world-class wine grapes; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby designate Terry County as the official Grape Capital of  
8 Texas; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section  
10 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
11 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.