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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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- 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.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 41 was adopted by the Senate
on May 8, 2015, by the following v	ote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.C.R	. No. 41 was adopted by the House
on May 27, 2015, by the following	g vote: Yeas 138, Nays 4, three
present not voting.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:	
Date	
Corrornor	
Governor	