By: Perry S.C.R. No. 41 (Burrows)

## 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The business community in the county fully supports 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.