**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In recent years, the town of Spurger has become a state and national center for knives and knife enthusiasts thanks to the efforts of a local company, Texas Knives and Collectibles.

Founded by Spurger businessman Marvin Mott, TKC has grown since the 1990s into one of the state and nation's largest retailers of knives from the W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and other well-known knife manufacturers, earning the coveted Master Dealer designation from Case.

The store's extensive inventory includes such collectible special edition knives as the Texas Ranger Company "A" knife and the Spurger School Brick Trapper, which features a handle made from the bricks of the historic Spurger High School.

This unique enterprise has also become a destination for visitors to Spurger from across the state and nation by staging the annual Case Historian and Ambassador Tour, which includes knife exhibits, a fast-draw competition, and an Old West Show performed by living history reenactors.

Handsome, handcrafted knives have played an important role in the history and culture of the Lone Star State, and by celebrating this proud heritage, Texas Knives and Collectibles and the community of Spurger are helping to preserve and promote a notable Texas legacy.

**RESOLVED**

That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Spurger as the official Knife Capital of Texas.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of its designation.