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H.C.R. No. 42

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The City of Rockwall has long been committed to
2 fostering a dynamic arts scene in its community, and live music has
3 played a vital role in that mission; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1999, the city government launched the Concert by
5 the Lake Series, a four-week program of free concerts on the eastern
6 shore of Lake Ray Hubbard; an instant triumph, the series
7 spotlighted regional bands, with each show averaging 175 attendees
8 during the inaugural season; the increasing popularity of the
9 series caused it to be relocated to The Harbor, a retail and
10 entertainment development, in 2007, and two years later, the
11 program was expanded to offer 24 consecutive weeks of live music
12 annually; since that time, the concerts have regularly drawn crowds
13 of more than 7,000 people; and

14 WHEREAS, The success of the Concert by the Lake Series led to
15 the formation of the city's Live Music Project, which has provided
16 invaluable support to area artists and brought a wide variety of
17 musical genres to the community; among the project's many benefits
18 has been the creation of several outdoor venues, including
19 amphitheaters at The Harbor and at Harry Myers Park and two
20 permanent stages in the Historic Downtown District; those locations
21 have hosted numerous visiting headliners as well as Rockwall Summer
22 Musicals, the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra, and the San Jacinto
23 Plaza Music Series, which presents over 50 free concerts each year;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Since 2004, the annual Rockwall Founders Day
2 Festival has placed special emphasis on live music by featuring
3 regional groups and world-touring acts alike, including such Texas
4 music legends as Robert Earl Keen, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Asleep at
5 the Wheel, as well as the Little River Band, the Marshall Tucker
6 Band, and the Charlie Daniels Band; and

7 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the City of Rockwall, local
8 residents are now able to enjoy nearly 130 free live music
9 performances each year, and the town's growing reputation as an
10 important music hub has made it a popular destination for travelers
11 from across Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate the city of Rockwall as the official Free Live
14 Music Capital of North Texas and urge that free live music continue
15 to be readily available to the residents and visitors of the Lone
16 Star State; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
18 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
19 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.