

1-1 By: Holland, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.C.R. No. 42
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 10, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 10, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.C.R. No. 42 By: Zaffirini

1-17 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, The City of Rockwall has long been committed to
 1-19 fostering a dynamic arts scene in its community, and live music has
 1-20 played a vital role in that mission; and

1-21 WHEREAS, In 1999, the city government launched the Concert by
 1-22 the Lake Series, a four-week program of free concerts on the eastern
 1-23 shore of Lake Ray Hubbard; an instant triumph, the series
 1-24 spotlighted regional bands, with each show averaging 175 attendees
 1-25 during the inaugural season; the increasing popularity of the
 1-26 series caused it to be relocated to The Harbor, a retail and
 1-27 entertainment development, in 2007, and two years later, the
 1-28 program was expanded to offer 24 consecutive weeks of live music
 1-29 annually; since that time, the concerts have regularly drawn crowds
 1-30 of more than 7,000 people; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The success of the Concert by the Lake Series led to
 1-32 the formation of the city's Live Music Project, which has provided
 1-33 invaluable support to area artists and brought a wide variety of
 1-34 musical genres to the community; among the project's many benefits
 1-35 has been the creation of several outdoor venues, including
 1-36 amphitheaters at The Harbor and at Harry Myers Park and two
 1-37 permanent stages in the Historic Downtown District; those locations
 1-38 have hosted numerous visiting headliners as well as Rockwall Summer
 1-39 Musicals, the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra, and the San Jacinto
 1-40 Plaza Music Series, which presents over 50 free concerts each year;
 1-41 and

1-42 WHEREAS, Since 2004, the annual Rockwall Founders Day
 1-43 Festival has placed special emphasis on live music by featuring
 1-44 regional groups and world-touring acts alike, including such Texas
 1-45 music legends as Robert Earl Keen, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Asleep at
 1-46 the Wheel, as well as the Little River Band, the Marshall Tucker
 1-47 Band, and the Charlie Daniels Band; and

1-48 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the City of Rockwall, local
 1-49 residents are now able to enjoy nearly 130 free live music
 1-50 performances each year, and the town's growing reputation as an
 1-51 important music hub has made it a popular destination for travelers
 1-52 from across Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-54 hereby designate the city of Rockwall as an official Free Live Music
 1-55 Capital of North Texas and urge that free live music continue to be
 1-56 readily available to the residents and visitors of the Lone Star
 1-57 State; and, be it further

1-58 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-59 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-60 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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