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H.C.R. No. 72

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each year, Big Spring celebrates the holiday season  
2 with a spectacular display featuring more than 100 lighted  
3 poinsettias, and this much-anticipated event has become well known  
4 throughout the Lone Star State and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights draws more  
6 than 20,000 visitors annually to view the giant lighted  
7 poinsettias, some up to 150 feet tall, that are placed throughout  
8 Comanche Trail Park; the display includes over one million lights  
9 in total, and guests can view the splendid decorations by car or  
10 from a walking trail; and

11 WHEREAS, Launched in 1997, the festival was founded by Big  
12 Spring resident Pat Simmons; over the years, the celebration has  
13 enjoyed the support of the city and many dedicated Howard County  
14 volunteers, and it has grown steadily in size and popularity; and

15 WHEREAS, Enthusiasm for the festival has prompted local  
16 residents to expand the event throughout the city; every December,  
17 many private homes are decorated with illuminated poinsettias,  
18 further contributing to the magical holiday ambiance; and

19 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Comanche Trail Festival of  
20 Lights has become a West Texas tradition, and citizens of Big Spring  
21 have embraced their community's reputation as a special place to  
22 experience the joys of the season; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby designate the city of Big Spring as the Lighted Poinsettia

1 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

2       RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
3 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
4 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.