

1-1 By: Darby (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.C.R. No. 72
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 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Kolkhorst	X		
1-9	Burton	X		
1-10	Huffines	X		
1-11	Hughes	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	West	X		
1-14	Zaffirini	X		

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Each year, Big Spring celebrates the holiday season
1-17 with a spectacular display featuring more than 100 lighted
1-18 poinsettias, and this much-anticipated event has become well known
1-19 throughout the Lone Star State and beyond; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights draws more
1-21 than 20,000 visitors annually to view the giant lighted
1-22 poinsettias, some up to 150 feet tall, that are placed throughout
1-23 Comanche Trail Park; the display includes over one million lights
1-24 in total, and guests can view the splendid decorations by car or
1-25 from a walking trail; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Launched in 1997, the festival was founded by Big
1-27 Spring resident Pat Simmons; over the years, the celebration has
1-28 enjoyed the support of the city and many dedicated Howard County
1-29 volunteers, and it has grown steadily in size and popularity; and

1-30 WHEREAS, Enthusiasm for the festival has prompted local
1-31 residents to expand the event throughout the city; every December,
1-32 many private homes are decorated with illuminated poinsettias,
1-33 further contributing to the magical holiday ambiance; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Comanche Trail Festival of
1-35 Lights has become a West Texas tradition, and citizens of Big Spring
1-36 have embraced their community's reputation as a special place to
1-37 experience the joys of the season; now, therefore, be it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-39 hereby designate the city of Big Spring as the Lighted Poinsettia
1-40 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-42 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-43 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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