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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the city of Stamford has  
2 played host to the Stamford Art Foundation Western Art Show, the  
3 oldest continuously held art show and sale in Texas and the  
4 third-oldest event of its kind in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, First curated in 1974, the Western Art Show was  
6 organized through the efforts of community and business leaders and  
7 prominent ranchers in the Stamford area, all of whom shared an  
8 interest in the promotion and preservation of Western heritage and  
9 culture; early supporters of the show included Western movie stars,  
10 former Texas governors, and many individuals who are enshrined in  
11 the ProRodeo and the National and Texas Cowboy Halls of Fame; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of its history the Stamford Western  
13 Art Show has displayed paintings, drawings, and sculptures from  
14 some of the most famous artists of Texas and the West, among whom  
15 are luminaries of the Cowboy Artists of America organization and  
16 multiple individuals who have been chosen as Texas State Artist by  
17 the Texas Commission on the Arts; and

18 WHEREAS, This prestigious event is operated by the nonprofit  
19 Stamford Art Foundation, and the show is a broad-based community  
20 initiative that draws on the efforts of the organization's board of  
21 directors as well as an additional 130 or more volunteers; proceeds  
22 from tickets and art sales benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation  
23 Center, which provides outpatient therapy and rehabilitation  
24 services to more than 500 patients daily, regardless of their

1 ability to pay, from locations in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Western Art Show in Stamford is a prominent  
4 event that pays tribute to the treasured legacy of the American West  
5 and features the premier artists of the genre, and it is indeed  
6 fitting to recognize the community that has been home to this  
7 exciting showcase for more than four decades; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby designate the city of Stamford as the Western Art Show  
10 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
12 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
13 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.