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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
21 18-member board of directors as well as an additional 130 or more
22 volunteers; proceeds from tickets and art sales benefit the West
23 Texas Rehabilitation Center, which provides outpatient therapy and
24 rehabilitation services to more than 500 patients daily, regardless

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