1-1 By: Lambert (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.C.R. No. 83 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			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Kolkhorst	Х			
1-9	Burton	Х			
1-10	Huffines	Х			
1-11	Hughes	Х			
1-12	Nichols	Х			
1-13	West	Х			
1-14	Zaffirini	Х			

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the city of Stamford has 1-17 played host to the Stamford Art Foundation Western Art Show, the 1-18 oldest continuously held art show and sale in Texas and the 1-19 third-oldest event of its kind in the United States; and

1-20 WHEREAS, First curated in 1974, the Western Art Show was 1-21 organized through the efforts of community and business leaders and 1-22 prominent ranchers in the Stamford area, all of whom shared an 1-23 interest in the promotion and preservation of Western heritage and 1-24 culture; early supporters of the show included Western movie stars, 1-25 former Texas governors, and many individuals who are enshrined in 1-26 the ProRodeo and the National and Texas Cowboy Halls of Fame; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Over the course of its history the Stamford Western 1-28 Art Show has displayed paintings, drawings, and sculptures from 1-29 some of the most famous artists of Texas and the West, among whom 1-30 are luminaries of the Cowboy Artists of America organization and 1-31 multiple individuals who have been chosen as Texas State Artist by 1-32 the Texas Commission on the Arts; and

1-33 WHEREAS, This prestigious event is operated by the nonprofit 1-34 Stamford Art Foundation, and the show is a broad-based community initiative that draws on the efforts of the organization's board of 1-35 directors as well as an additional 130 or more volunteers; proceeds 1-36 from tickets and art sales benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, which provides outpatient therapy and rehabilitation services to more than 500 patients daily, regardless of their 1-37 1-38 1-39 ability to pay, from locations in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona; 1-40 1-41 and

1-42 WHEREAS, The Western Art Show in Stamford is a prominent 1-43 event that pays tribute to the treasured legacy of the American West 1-44 and features the premier artists of the genre, and it is indeed 1-45 fitting to recognize the community that has been home to this 1-46 exciting showcase for more than four decades; now, therefore, be it

1-46 exciting showcase for more than four decades; now, therefore, be it 1-47 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas 1-48 hereby designate the city of Stamford as the Western Art Show 1-49 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-51 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect 1-52 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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