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H.C.R. No. 123

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country is home to more than 45
2 wineries and vineyards, and Fredericksburg is the epicenter of this
3 popular region; and

4 WHEREAS, Early in the history of Fredericksburg, settlers
5 used the native mustang grape to make wine; subsequent generations
6 refined the cultivation of grapes and production of wine, and in
7 recent years, several wines produced by Fredericksburg-area
8 vineyards and wineries have won state and national awards,
9 attesting to the high quality of local viticulture; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 600 acres of grapes sprawl north and west
11 of Fredericksburg, and the concentration of vineyards and wineries
12 along U.S. Highway 290 draws a host of tourists; visitors enjoy
13 patronizing tasting rooms, wine cellars, festivals, and a variety
14 of other events, and several guided tours have been established for
15 the convenience of customers; and

16 WHEREAS, Fredericksburg has been designated as an American
17 Viticultural Area by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau;
18 this appellation officially recognizes a "delimited grape growing
19 region distinguishable by geographical features, the boundaries of
20 which have been recognized and defined"; and

21 WHEREAS, Hill Country wineries and vineyards contribute
22 significantly to the prosperity of Fredericksburg, and they have
23 brought the city international recognition that is a source of
24 pride to area citizens; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby designate Fredericksburg as the official Wine Capital of
3 Texas.