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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country is home to some of the most
2 beloved natural treasures of the Lone Star State, as the landscape
3 is replete with rugged hills and canyons, majestic greenery, and
4 karst topography that feeds immaculate streams and rivers; and

5 WHEREAS, Millions of visitors from across Texas and beyond
6 annually travel to the region to tour state parks and natural areas
7 and to take in the stunning vistas while hiking, hunting, fishing,
8 and swimming; and

9 WHEREAS, In recent years, an increase in recreational and
10 nontraditional agricultural uses on the land has placed greater
11 focus on the economic benefits of the region's natural resources;
12 area officials have expressed concern about escaped light from
13 outdoor lighting fixtures, which has had a negative effect on
14 tourism activities by reducing night sky visibility; and

15 WHEREAS, Tourism is a vital component of the economy in the
16 Texas Hill Country, and it is essential for leaders to implement
17 policies that promote and preserve the region's diverse ecosystem
18 and breathtaking scenery; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend the ongoing efforts by landowners,
21 businesses, communities, county officials, and public entities in
22 the Texas Hill Country to reduce escaped light.