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H.C.R. No. 37

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country is home to more than 50  
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 area vineyards and wineries  
8 have won state and national awards, attesting to the high quality of  
9 local viticulture; and

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

17           WHEREAS, In recognition of Fredericksburg's importance as a  
18 wine-making center, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
19 has established the Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country  
20 American Viticultural Area, one of just 242 AVA locations in the  
21 nation; and

22           WHEREAS, Justly proud of its German heritage, Fredericksburg  
23 was designated as the Polka Capital of Texas by the 73rd Texas  
24 Legislature in 1993; while the city's cultural roots remain a

1 touchstone for its citizens and its many visitors, the wine  
2 industry has recently become an increasingly prominent focus of  
3 local tourism due to its rapid growth; and

4 WHEREAS, Hill Country wineries and vineyards contribute  
5 significantly to the prosperity of Fredericksburg, and they have  
6 brought the city international recognition that is a source of  
7 pride to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby designate Fredericksburg as the official Wine Capital of  
10 Texas, replacing the city's previous designation as the Polka  
11 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
13 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
14 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
15 passed by the legislature.