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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country has achieved a reputation for  
2 excellence as an American viticultural area (AVA) that has made it a  
3 destination for wine connoisseurs from throughout the Lone Star  
4 State; and

5           WHEREAS, Covering 9.6 million acres and extending into 23  
6 counties, the Texas Hill Country AVA is one of the largest in the  
7 United States; it lies to the north of San Antonio and west of  
8 Austin, and within its boundaries are two independent viticultural  
9 areas, Bell Mountain and Fredericksburg; and

10           WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country AVA consists largely of low  
11 hills and steep canyons, with vineyards often being set at high  
12 elevations to counter the region's hot summer temperatures;  
13 Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel are the key grape varieties grown  
14 in the region and are used to make both dry table wines and  
15 port-style fortified wines, while white grapes, particularly  
16 Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay varieties, are also cultivated; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, the Texas Hill Country is home to more than  
18 four dozen wineries and vineyards, most of which produce highly  
19 acclaimed wines; though Hill Country wines are primarily purchased  
20 and consumed locally, they have begun to acquire national  
21 recognition in recent years, and Texas vineyards have distinguished  
22 themselves among wine regions by experimenting and planting  
23 high-quality varietals, often of Mediterranean origin, that can  
24 thrive through heat and drought; and

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Hill Country, a jewel of our state's wine  
2 industry, has contributed much to the region's economic vitality  
3 and cultural vibrancy, and its continued growth in stature among  
4 wine aficionados from near and far is a source of great pride to the  
5 State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize the significance of the Texas Hill  
8 Country American Viticultural Area and extend to all those  
9 associated with wineries and vineyards in the region sincere best  
10 wishes for continued success.