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H.C.R. No. 23

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Hill Country community of Llano  
2 has become known throughout Texas as a thriving center for the sport  
3 of barrel racing; and

4 WHEREAS, The John L. Kuykendall Event Center and Arena  
5 attracts a multitude of competitors and fans to the city, and the  
6 Llano Chamber of Commerce estimates that the economic impact from  
7 barrel racing exceeds \$1 million annually; and

8 WHEREAS, From 2016 to 2020, the number of barrel races held at  
9 the JLK Arena grew by 200 percent, with total annual race days  
10 increasing from 50 to 120; approximately 150 events are slated to  
11 take place in 2021, and the venue is also used for practice sessions  
12 for several days each week; and

13 WHEREAS, Renowned as one of the safest barrel racing  
14 facilities in Texas, the JLK Arena has been honored with a Justin  
15 Boots Best Footing Award from the Women's Professional Rodeo  
16 Association in recognition of the exceptional ground conditions at  
17 its races; over the past five years, there have been only two  
18 recorded incidents in which horses slipped and lost their footing  
19 in competition, a remarkable record for a rodeo venue; and

20 WHEREAS, Barrel racing is a source of pride and prosperity  
21 for the residents of Llano, and the city's efforts to showcase the  
22 sport are furthering the rich rodeo heritage of the Lone Star State;  
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby designate Llano as the official Barrel Racing Capital of  
2 Texas; and, be it further

3         RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
4 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
5 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
6 passed by the legislature.