By:  Slawson (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.C.R. No. 104

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023; May 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Administration; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hall            X

Springer        X

Alvarado                  X

Johnson         X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The citizens of Granbury observe a wide array of special events and celebrations, both time-honored and new, that add greatly to the city's distinctive character and strong sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The full calendar of festivities in Granbury includes events that commemorate holidays, that honor the area's rich history, that showcase art, culture, and music, and that offer a variety of food and entertainment for attendees of all ages; Granbury also appeals to many Texans as the perfect location for smaller and more personal celebrations, including birthdays, weddings, weekend getaways, and family reunions; and

WHEREAS, Every year, residents and visitors turn out in large numbers for such annual favorites as the Granbury Wine Walk, where they can sample a selection of local vintages, and the Granbury Founders Day Jubilee, which features a street dance and a bean and barbecue cook-off; the city also boasts unique celebrations to commemorate St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, and Oktoberfest, and during the Christmas season, an exhibition of more than 1,300 nativity scenes is staged at the Away in a Manger display at Langdon Center Concert Hall; several events, including the long-running Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts, are presented by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association, an organization dedicated to promoting business and tourism in the city; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for its welcoming charm, historic landmarks, and abundance of activities and amenities, Granbury was named the Best Historic Small Town in America by *USA Today* for three consecutive years beginning in 2019; the city's sesquicentennial celebration was honored with a 2022 TAMI Award by the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers, while its Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump won a 2022 Texas Travel Award; in addition, the city was recognized as one of the best small towns in Texas by the Texas Travel Industry Association in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Brimming with events throughout the year, the city of Granbury has distinguished itself as a popular destination for festivals, fairs, and special gatherings of all varieties, and these get-togethers serve as a great opportunity to showcase this vibrant community while bringing joy to attendees young and old; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Granbury as the official Celebration Capital of Texas; and, be it further

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

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