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H.C.R. No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The city of Mineral Wells has long been associated  
2 with activities focused on health and well-being, and in recent  
3 years, it has become an increasingly popular destination for  
4 travelers seeking wellness experiences; and

5 WHEREAS, Mineral Wells first gained renown as a health resort  
6 during the late 1800s and early 1900s, when tourists were drawn by  
7 its mineral waters, which were believed to have special medicinal  
8 properties; by the 1920s, the town was home to more than 400 mineral  
9 wells and numerous therapeutic bathhouses, and bottled water and  
10 water crystals from the area were shipped throughout the nation;  
11 today, visitors can still enjoy mineral baths and spa treatments  
12 inspired by those that gave rise to the city's historic motto: "the  
13 South's Greatest Health Resort"; and

14 WHEREAS, While Mineral Wells draws inspiration from its rich  
15 past, it also caters to the needs of health-conscious travelers in  
16 the 21st century; the local wellness industry has enjoyed a  
17 resurgence in recent years as the city has worked toward securing  
18 designation as a Wellness Tourism Destination; in order to receive  
19 this coveted title, a community is required to meet a number of  
20 criteria outlined by the Wellness Tourism Association with an  
21 emphasis on health, safety, cleanliness, sustainability, and  
22 natural beauty; and

23 WHEREAS, Located in the hilly terrain of the Palo Pinto  
24 Mountains, the Mineral Wells area offers numerous locations to

1 enjoy the outdoors, including the Brazos River, Possum Kingdom  
2 Lake, and the Clark Gardens Botanical Park; in addition, the city  
3 boasts a variety of recreational opportunities at Lake Mineral  
4 Wells State Park, the Texas Frontier Trails, and Mineral Wells  
5 Fossil Park, where visitors can enjoy such activities as hiking,  
6 cycling, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, paddleboarding, and  
7 horseback riding; and

8 WHEREAS, A range of businesses have been established in  
9 Mineral Wells that are popular with wellness travelers, among them,  
10 yoga studios and markets featuring goods from local artisans and  
11 fresh produce from area farmers and growers; such enterprises  
12 reflect the growing importance of tourism to the city's economy;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Through its burgeoning wellness industry and its  
15 abundance of natural attractions, Mineral Wells is building on its  
16 heritage as one of the Lone Star State's premier destinations for  
17 wellness getaways and elevating its reputation as a haven for both  
18 recreation and relaxation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
20 hereby designate Mineral Wells as the official Wellness Capital of  
21 Texas; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
23 [391.003](#)(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
24 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
25 passed by the legislature.