

1-1 By: Stucky (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.C.R. No. 27
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
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1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The stagecoach, a quintessential symbol of the
 1-17 American frontier, played a pivotal role in the founding of the city
 1-18 of Bridgeport and continues to hold special significance to the
 1-19 community to this day; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Bridgeport traces its beginnings to 1860, when a
 1-21 group organized by William H. Hunt secured a charter from the West
 1-22 Fork Bridge Company to construct a bridge that would allow
 1-23 stagecoaches with the Overland Mail Company to traverse the West
 1-24 Fork of the Trinity River; the shipment of supplies by stagecoaches
 1-25 and wagons became integral to Bridgeport's economy and helped shape
 1-26 the community's development in its early decades; and

1-27 WHEREAS, With its annual Butterfield Stage Days Festival,
 1-28 Bridgeport has long celebrated its origin as a stop on the historic
 1-29 Butterfield Overland Mail route, which stretched from St. Louis,
 1-30 Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, to San Francisco, California; in
 1-31 recent years, the route has garnered increased recognition for its
 1-32 historical importance, and it was officially designated as the
 1-33 Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail in January 2023; and

1-34 WHEREAS, In addition to Butterfield Stage Days, Bridgeport
 1-35 incorporates the stagecoach into a number of other annual events,
 1-36 and the Bridgeport Visitor Center houses a replica Abbot-Downing
 1-37 Concord coach, a stagecoach originally manufactured in 1827;
 1-38 moreover, the city's efforts as part of the Texas Main Street
 1-39 Program also incorporate the stagecoach as an embodiment of
 1-40 Bridgeport's historic past and frontier spirit; and

1-41 WHEREAS, Through its legacy as a historic transportation
 1-42 waypoint and its connection to the famed Butterfield Overland Mail
 1-43 route, Bridgeport contributed to the development of our state and
 1-44 nation, and its citizens continue to derive a special sense of pride
 1-45 and identity from their city's association with one of the West's
 1-46 most iconic symbols, the stagecoach; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-48 hereby redesignate Bridgeport as the official Stagecoach Capital of
 1-49 Texas; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-51 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-52 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
 1-53 passed by the legislature.

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