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H.C.R. No. 18

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Newton County provides East Texas residents and a
2 multitude of visitors with ample opportunities for outdoor
3 recreation among scenic forests and other natural attractions; and

4 WHEREAS, The county encompasses part of the Sabine National
5 Forest, which features expansive, lush woodlands and is one of only
6 four national forests in the state; the county also offers easy
7 access to the Big Thicket National Preserve and its pine forests,
8 swamps, and savannas; known for their diverse wildlife and unique
9 ecosystems, the areas are a haven for nature enthusiasts and
10 photographers, and they serve as ideal settings for such activities
11 as hiking, bird-watching, hunting, camping, and canoeing; and

12 WHEREAS, Anglers are drawn to Newton County for its excellent
13 fishing waters; favored locations include the Sabine River, which
14 forms the county's eastern border with Louisiana, and Toledo Bend
15 Reservoir, formed by a dam on the river at the northern end of the
16 county, which is renowned as one of the best bass fishing lakes in
17 the nation; visitors can also enjoy boating, swimming, and
18 picnicking; in addition, the county features a number of local
19 parks, trails, and other community gathering areas that highlight
20 the region's picturesque environment; and

21 WHEREAS, Newton County's unique blend of forests, rivers, and
22 lakes has made the area a popular destination for those seeking
23 tranquility and outdoor adventure, and the county is indeed
24 deserving of special recognition for its outstanding stewardship of

1 these important natural resources; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
3 2nd Called Session, hereby designate Newton County as the official
4 Forest Capital of Texas; and, be it further

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