

1-1 By: McLaughlin (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.C.R. No. 55
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the South Texas community
1-17 of Poteet has been known across the Lone Star State as a source of
1-18 delicious strawberries and as the host of a renowned annual
1-19 strawberry festival; and

1-20 WHEREAS, In 1911, city founders Henry and Ida Mumme began to
1-21 grow strawberries in their kitchen garden, and within 10 years, the
1-22 community's strawberry crop had become one of its most successful
1-23 products; local citizens invited residents of nearby San Antonio to
1-24 sample the town's strawberries in 1921, and the *San Antonio*
1-25 *Express-News* ran a story headlined "Crimson Berries Beckon Hungry
1-26 Tourists to Poteet"; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Building on the city's reputation, the Poteet Rotary
1-28 Club staged the first Poteet Strawberry Festival in April 1948,
1-29 hoping to provide an incentive for veterans of World War II to
1-30 return to area farms; the club also promoted more careful packing of
1-31 the crop so that each buyer would receive a uniform pint, flat, or
1-32 crate of berries; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past 77 years, the festival
1-34 has grown to become one of the signature springtime events in South
1-35 Texas, drawing 100,000 visitors and contributing as much as \$12
1-36 million to the local economy each year; in addition to the
1-37 strawberries themselves, including those sold at the
1-38 much-anticipated strawberry auction, the popular gathering
1-39 features live music, a parade, and a food show; and

1-40 WHEREAS, The event also serves as a means of supporting area
1-41 students; for more than two decades, the Poteet Strawberry Festival
1-42 Association has presented college scholarships to a host of
1-43 deserving recipients each year, and many of the churches, schools,
1-44 and civic organizations that participate in the festival donate
1-45 scholarships as well; and

1-46 WHEREAS, This sweet, juicy, and colorful fruit is a delight
1-47 to behold and to taste, and for many years, the citizens of Poteet
1-48 have made the strawberry both a source of prosperity and a cause for
1-49 celebration; now, therefore, be it

1-50 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-51 hereby redesignate Poteet as the official Strawberry Capital of
1-52 Texas; and, be it further

1-53 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-54 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-55 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-56 passed by the legislature.

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