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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The *Texas Almanac* has informed and enlightened  
2 residents of the Lone Star State for nearly 170 years; and

3 WHEREAS, First published by *The Galveston News* in 1857, the  
4 almanac initially focused on the workings of government and the  
5 history of Texas; the 19th-century editions of the book featured  
6 numerous first-person accounts of the still-recent Texas  
7 Revolution and the transition to statehood; and

8 WHEREAS, The almanac was published in Houston and then Austin  
9 during the Civil War-era blockade of Galveston's port; following  
10 the 1873 edition, *The Galveston News* let the publication lapse, but  
11 its sister paper, *The Dallas Morning News*, released five editions  
12 between 1904 and 1914; World War I occasioned another hiatus, but  
13 publication resumed in 1925, and during the Great Depression, the  
14 almanac shifted to a biennial cycle, which has been only rarely  
15 interrupted in the decades since; and

16 WHEREAS, By 1950, the *Texas Almanac* had taken its modern form  
17 as a reference book covering resources, industries, commerce,  
18 history, government, population, and other subjects relating to the  
19 state's political, civic, and economic development; *The Dallas*  
20 *Morning News* donated the *Texas Almanac* to the Texas State  
21 Historical Association in 2008, a gift that encompassed the  
22 publication's archives, trademark, inventory, and other assets;  
23 dedicated to fostering appreciation and understanding of the  
24 state's rich heritage, TSHA is also the publisher of the widely

1 circulated *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* and the popular  
2 Handbook of Texas online encyclopedia; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, the *Texas Almanac* remains an indispensable  
4 information resource, featuring a wealth of comprehensive and  
5 readily accessible data and an engaging style that appeals to its  
6 diverse audience of readers and researchers; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1857, the *Texas Almanac* has served as an  
8 essential guide to the Lone Star State, and its continued existence  
9 is a testament to the commitment of its staff, the utility of its  
10 contents, and the enduring fascination that Texas holds for both  
11 its citizens and for readers beyond its borders; now, therefore, be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby designate the *Texas Almanac* as the official State Book of  
15 Texas.