

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Combes, Texas, is a small but vibrant community
2 situated on Business U.S. Highway 77 and State Highway 107,
3 bordering Harlingen in northwestern Cameron County, and the town's
4 historical and agricultural roots are deep and intertwined with the
5 land; and

6 WHEREAS, The town was originally established as the
7 headquarters for the Combes Ranch, founded by Charles B. Combes, a
8 settler from Kentucky, and it has evolved from a modest rural
9 settlement into a thriving community with a population of over
10 2,500 residents; and

11 WHEREAS, The region surrounding Combes has long been known
12 for its agricultural richness, and beekeeping has played a
13 significant role in the area's economy and ecosystem, helping to
14 sustain the local agricultural industry through vital pollination
15 services; and

16 WHEREAS, In recent years, Combes has embraced its role as a
17 center for beekeeping, with local businesses and residents
18 supporting the growing interest in apiaries, honey production, and
19 pollinator conservation; the town has garnered attention as a hub
20 for beekeeping in the Rio Grande Valley, with local efforts to
21 relocate and protect bees, contributing to both environmental
22 sustainability and the local economy; and

23 WHEREAS, The presence of beekeeping operations and the active
24 preservation of bees has not only elevated Combes' agricultural

1 prominence but also fostered a growing cultural appreciation for
2 the important role bees play in our environment and food systems;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Combes have come to take immense pride
5 in their town's role as a leading center for beekeeping and honey
6 production, with the town's history, culture, and future closely
7 tied to these industrious pollinators; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby designate Combes as the official "Bee Capital of Texas";
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
12 [391.003](#)(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
13 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
14 passed by the legislature.

Lopez of Cameron

H.C.R. No. 111

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 108, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 111 was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor