

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.C.R. No. 111

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.