

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Port Aransas, situated on Mustang Island along the  
2 Texas Gulf Coast, has long been recognized as one of Texas' premier  
3 locations for fishing, attracting anglers from across the state and  
4 beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, Boasting a diverse marine ecosystem, the waters  
6 surrounding the island offer opportunities to catch red snapper,  
7 redfish, flounder, tarpon, marlin, tuna, and other prized species;  
8 moreover, the area is optimal for deep-sea, bay, and pier fishing,  
9 providing enthusiasts with a range of options; and

10 WHEREAS, Port Aransas hosts a number of prestigious fishing  
11 tournaments, including the Texas Legends Billfish Tournament, the  
12 Texas Women Anglers Tournament, and the Deep Sea Roundup, which is  
13 renowned as the oldest fishing competition on the Texas coast; and

14 WHEREAS, The city is home to a thriving fishing industry that  
15 encompasses guided charter services, bait and tackle shops,  
16 marinas, and other businesses, all of which contribute  
17 significantly to the local and state economy; and

18 WHEREAS, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and local  
19 conservation groups have worked diligently to preserve and maintain  
20 the natural fisheries of the area, ensuring that future generations  
21 can continue to enjoy world-class fishing in Port Aransas; and

22 WHEREAS, The residents of Port Aransas have demonstrated an  
23 unwavering commitment to the promotion, preservation, and  
24 enhancement of the area's fishing opportunities, and their efforts,

1 along with the abundant coastal waters, have made the city a beloved  
2 fishing destination for a multitude of Texans and visitors alike;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby designate Port Aransas as the official Fishing Capital of  
6 Texas; and, be it further

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

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H.C.R. No. 117

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 117 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 1, 4 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 117 was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor