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H.C.R. No. 165

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Fulton has long been recognized for its thriving
2 oyster industry, which has provided a range of benefits to the town
3 and to the wider Gulf Coast region; and

4 WHEREAS, The waters surrounding Fulton provide ideal
5 conditions for oyster growth, supporting a robust oyster farming
6 and harvesting community that contributes to the local economy and
7 the culinary heritage of the Lone Star State; and

8 WHEREAS, To pay tribute to the important role that oysters
9 play in the area, the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department has hosted
10 the Fulton Oysterfest each year since 1979; the event draws
11 thousands of visitors with a variety of attractions, including
12 food, live music, and carnival rides and games; the festival raises
13 funds for local services while also enhancing the town's reputation
14 as a premier seafood destination; and

15 WHEREAS, Businesses and residents in Fulton have
16 demonstrated an outstanding commitment to practicing sustainable
17 aquaculture and to promoting and preserving oyster reefs; these
18 efforts have positioned the town as a leader in coastal stewardship
19 and oyster farming innovation; and

20 WHEREAS, The citizens of Fulton take great pride in their
21 town's association with oysters, and this sought-after delicacy has
22 played a significant role in the community's economic, cultural,
23 and environmental vitality; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby designate Fulton as the official Oyster Capital of Texas;
2 and, be it further

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