

1-1 By: Flores S.C.R. No. 3  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 19, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
1-4 April 28, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 28, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Cowboys, horses, and ranching are cultural icons  
1-17 that have helped define the identity of the Lone Star State, and  
1-18 they have played an essential role in the development and  
1-19 prosperity of Bandera throughout the city's history; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Located in the Hill Country northwest of San  
1-21 Antonio, Bandera was founded in the early 1850s, when the area was  
1-22 part of the Texas frontier, and in its early years, the town  
1-23 benefited from the presence of U.S. Cavalry troops stationed nearby  
1-24 at Camp Verde; when the era of the great cattle drives dawned in the  
1-25 decades after the Civil War, Bandera became a staging point for  
1-26 drives up the Western Trail; with plentiful water and grass for the  
1-27 herds, the town was an ideal departure point for the drives, and  
1-28 during the 1870s and 1880s, residents witnessed the majestic sight  
1-29 of cowboys herding several thousand longhorns northward, beginning  
1-30 a long journey to destinations in Kansas and beyond; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The legacy of those epic trail drives has remained a  
1-32 touchstone for area residents ever since, and today, Bandera's ties  
1-33 to its Western roots remain strong; the city is a hub for modern-day  
1-34 ranchers and cowpokes, who not only raise livestock but also  
1-35 operate guest ranches and horseback riding businesses to serve the  
1-36 legions of visitors seeking to experience cowboy culture firsthand;  
1-37 in addition, the city hosts rodeo competitions throughout the year,  
1-38 and Bandera is renowned for its skilled riders, having produced a  
1-39 host of state, national, and world champions in the sport; and

1-40 WHEREAS, A number of Western-themed annual events take place  
1-41 in the city, including Cowboy Mardi Gras, the National Day of the  
1-42 American Cowboy festivities in July, and the Bandera Round-Up  
1-43 Celebration, a Labor Day weekend festival that includes live music,  
1-44 gunfighter reenactments, and a longhorn cattle drive and parade;  
1-45 year-round, visitors can appreciate the town's vintage  
1-46 architecture, learn more about local history at the Frontier Times  
1-47 Museum, and go two-stepping at one of the city's honky-tonks; and

1-48 WHEREAS, By retaining a vibrant connection with its storied  
1-49 past, Bandera has long been known as the Cowboy Capital of the  
1-50 World, and it is indeed fitting that the city be officially accorded  
1-51 this same title for the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-53 hereby designate Bandera as the official Cowboy Capital of Texas;  
1-54 and, be it further

1-55 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
1-56 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
1-57 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
1-58 passed by the legislature.

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