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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Each December, Big Spring celebrates the holiday season with a spectacular display featuring more than 100 lighted poinsettias, and this much-anticipated event has become well known throughout the Lone Star State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights draws more than 25,000 visitors annually to view the giant lighted poinsettias, some up to 150 feet tall, that are placed throughout Comanche Trail Park; the display includes nearly 700,000 lights in total, and guests can view the splendid decorations by car or from a walking trail; and

WHEREAS, Launched in 1997, the festival was founded by Big Spring resident Pat Simmons; over the years, the celebration has enjoyed widespread support, including the dedicated efforts of many Howard County volunteers, and it has grown steadily in size and popularity; and

WHEREAS, To further encourage community participation in the event, local businesses, organizations, and residents are invited to adopt a spot in the park to create their own festive display; in addition, many private homes are decorated with illuminated poinsettias, helping contribute to the magical holiday ambiance; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights has become a West Texas tradition, and citizens of Big Spring have embraced their community's reputation as a special place to

experience the joys of the season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 90th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby redesignate Big Spring as the official Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas; and, be it further

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