

1-1 By: White of Tyler (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.C.R. No. 69
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;
 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner			X	
1-13 West	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The annual migration of the monarch butterfly, the
 1-17 State Insect of Texas, is one of the wonders of the natural world,
 1-18 and every year the city of Jasper is fortunate to have a front row
 1-19 seat to this spectacular journey; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Each August and September, members of the species,
 1-21 known scientifically as *Danaus plexippus*, begin a journey of
 1-22 approximately 1,500 miles from their summer breeding grounds in
 1-23 eastern North America to their winter home in the mountains of
 1-24 central Mexico, generally covering 25 to 30 miles per day; then,
 1-25 between March and June, the butterflies return north, often
 1-26 traveling as far as Canada; along their flight northward, and after
 1-27 the monarchs reach their summer haunts, the female of the species
 1-28 lays her eggs on freshly sprouted milkweed plants; and

1-29 WHEREAS, Jasper lies in the middle of one of the three major
 1-30 flyways for the monarch butterfly, and the community celebrates its
 1-31 part in this annual event with the Butterfly Festival on the first
 1-32 Saturday of each October, during the height of the fall migration;
 1-33 during the festival, a Butterfly House is installed in the
 1-34 Butterfly Gardens at the Jasper Arboretum, where visitors can learn
 1-35 about the migration and life cycle of these amazing insects; the
 1-36 festival also features a variety of activities for children and
 1-37 adults, including scavenger hunts and butterfly releases, as well
 1-38 as musical performances and displays of arts and crafts; and

1-39 WHEREAS, The Butterfly Festival is part of an even broader
 1-40 local effort focused on the monarch butterfly; residents of Jasper
 1-41 have devoted countless hours to fostering our understanding of
 1-42 monarchs and to creating conditions to support their survival; led
 1-43 by the city's Master Gardeners, they are tagging monarchs for
 1-44 scientific study, raising monarchs for release, planting milkweed
 1-45 where the butterflies can lay their eggs, and growing a variety of
 1-46 nectar plants to provide the monarchs with suitable food; and

1-47 WHEREAS, Each year, the people of Jasper are fortunate
 1-48 witnesses to one of the grandest shows in nature, and by creating a
 1-49 welcoming environment for these beautiful creatures, they help to
 1-50 make their community an integral part of a wonderful natural
 1-51 process that has endured for millennia; now, therefore, be it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-53 hereby designate the city of Jasper as the official Butterfly
 1-54 Capital of Texas.

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