

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Huffines) H.C.R. No. 78  
 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 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 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, Over the course of nearly 200 years, people all  
 1-17 around the world have come to know the State of Texas as "the Lone  
 1-18 Star State," and it is time that this universally recognized  
 1-19 nickname receive official recognition; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The exact origins of this colorful phrase, and the  
 1-21 use of a single, white, five-pointed star to represent Texas, are  
 1-22 unclear; some accounts trace it to a flag carried by the James Long  
 1-23 Expedition in 1819, an early attempt to free Texas from the Spanish  
 1-24 empire, while a recent discovery of coins that were minted in what  
 1-25 is now San Antonio, showing a five-pointed star on one side and the  
 1-26 year 1817 on the other, suggest that the star was already in use as a  
 1-27 symbol for the region; and

1-28 WHEREAS, The first official use of the Lone Star came in 1836,  
 1-29 when the Congress of the Republic of Texas adopted a flag with a  
 1-30 five-pointed gold star on a background of deep azure, known as the  
 1-31 David G. Burnet Flag; three years later, the Texas Congress adopted  
 1-32 what is commonly known as the Lone Star Flag, showing a bright white  
 1-33 star against deep blue on the left of the flag and two horizontal  
 1-34 stripes of white and red on the flag's right; this was made the  
 1-35 official flag of the State of Texas in 1933; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Today, the distinctive five-pointed star and the  
 1-37 phrase "the Lone Star State" are instantly recognizable the world  
 1-38 over as the primary symbol and nickname for Texas; the term "Lone  
 1-39 Star" has been adopted by countless enterprises, from a brand of  
 1-40 beer to car dealerships, restaurants, hotels, and barbecue  
 1-41 establishments, along with nearly every other sort of business;  
 1-42 over the years, at least 10 communities in Texas have been named  
 1-43 Lone Star, including towns in Morris, Floyd, Bastrop, Delta, Polk,  
 1-44 and other counties; and

1-45 WHEREAS, Whatever its origins, and whatever its uses, from  
 1-46 the serious to the playful, the phrase "the Lone Star State" has  
 1-47 achieved universal currency as a sharp and memorable way to evoke  
 1-48 the unique legacy of Texas and the indomitable spirit of its people;  
 1-49 now, therefore, be it

1-50 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-51 hereby designate "the Lone Star State" as the official nickname of  
 1-52 Texas.

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