

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.C.R. No. 94
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 5, 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, Both the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western Trail
 1-17 contributed immeasurably to the agricultural boom in the United
 1-18 States in the 19th century, and their far-reaching effects on the
 1-19 country's culture, their historical significance, and their
 1-20 potential for recreational use make them prime candidates for
 1-21 designation as National Historic Trails; and

1-22 WHEREAS, The Chisholm Trail was formed in 1867, when Joseph
 1-23 G. McCoy and other cattlemen sought to expand the market for Texas
 1-24 beef; the passage stretched from San Antonio to Abilene, Kansas,
 1-25 and with each passing year, the number of heads of cattle shipped
 1-26 along the route doubled until topping out at more than 600,000 in
 1-27 1871; before its closing in 1884, the trail had been the route of
 1-28 the greatest migration of livestock in world history, including
 1-29 five million cattle and a million mustangs; and

1-30 WHEREAS, The Great Western Trail was established by cattle
 1-31 driver John T. Lytle in 1874; it reached from San Antonio to Dodge
 1-32 City, Kansas, and quickly succeeded the Chisholm Trail as the
 1-33 principal thoroughfare for exporting cattle; by the last reported
 1-34 drive in 1893, between three and five million cattle had traveled
 1-35 north along its path; and

1-36 WHEREAS, The importance of the Chisholm and Great Western
 1-37 Trails in American history cannot be understated, as they provided
 1-38 an abundance of beef and milk to the industrialized centers of the
 1-39 country and greatly changed the economics of the agricultural
 1-40 industry, and these landmarks are truly deserving of being
 1-41 designated as National Historic Trails; now, therefore, be it

1-42 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-43 hereby respectfully urge Congress to designate the Chisholm Trail
 1-44 and the Great Western Trail as National Historic Trails while
 1-45 ensuring that the private property rights of citizens along the
 1-46 trails are protected; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
 1-48 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
 1-49 the speaker of the house of representatives and to the president of
 1-50 the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the
 1-51 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution
 1-52 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to
 1-53 the Congress of the United States of America.

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