

1-1 By: Seliger S.C.R. No. 22
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 April 8, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 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 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, In 1877, Charles Goodnight became the manager of the
 1-17 JA Ranch in the Caprock Canyonlands of the Texas Panhandle; the
 1-18 once-great bison herds of the area had been slaughtered almost to
 1-19 the point of extinction; at the urging of his wife, Mary Ann,
 1-20 Goodnight rounded up enough of the creatures to form a small herd,
 1-21 which allowed the Southern Plains Bison population to survive; and

1-22 WHEREAS, In 1880, Goodnight acquired the Lazy F Ranch and
 1-23 renamed it "Quitaque," which he believed was an Indian word for "end
 1-24 of the trail"; Quitaque is located on State Highway 86 in
 1-25 southeastern Briscoe County; when the county was organized in 1892,
 1-26 the townsite of Quitaque was surveyed and platted; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Caprock Canyons State Park, located approximately
 1-28 three miles north of Quitaque, was acquired from the estate of
 1-29 Theodore Geisler in May 1975; the park opened in 1982 and is the
 1-30 third-largest state park in Texas; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The park is home to the "Official State Bison Herd of
 1-32 Texas"; these bison are direct descendants of the last free-range
 1-33 Southern Plains Bison that the Goodnights saved from extinction;
 1-34 the herd was donated to the park in 1996 by the JA Ranch, which is
 1-35 the oldest privately owned ranch in the Texas Panhandle; and

1-36 WHEREAS, For many years, the citizens of Quitaque encouraged
 1-37 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish a state park in
 1-38 the Quitaque area and encouraged the donation of the JA Ranch Bison
 1-39 Herd to the state park; and

1-40 WHEREAS, O. R. Stark Jr., born in Quitaque, understood the
 1-41 need for a friends group for Caprock Canyons State Park and
 1-42 Trailway; he was instrumental in forming Caprock Partners
 1-43 Foundation in 1996 and served as foundation president until his
 1-44 death; the foundation has supported the park and its historic bison
 1-45 habitat as environmental and recreational treasures; now,
 1-46 therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-48 hereby designate the City of Quitaque to be the official Bison
 1-49 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-51 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-52 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

1-53 Designating Quitaque as the official Bison Capital for a 10-year
 1-54 period beginning in 2015.

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