

1-1 By: Perry S.C.R. No. 41
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 27, 2015; April 29, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 May 7, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; May 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Terry County grows more grapes than all the other
1-17 counties in Texas combined; in 2013, there were approximately 800
1-18 acres of vineyards in the county, constituting more than 80 percent
1-19 of the grapes in the state; as many as 3,000 acres of grapes are
1-20 expected to be planted in the county by the end of 2015 and 10,000
1-21 acres in the coming years; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Terry County is part of the High Plains region,
1-23 which endures many hot days but, at an altitude of over 3,600 feet,
1-24 enjoys cool summer nights; this drop in temperature slows the pace
1-25 of ripening and enables the grapes to mature over the growing
1-26 season, producing a better juice for wine production; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The region is extraordinarily windy, which reduces
1-28 problems related to humidity, such as mildew; its soil is sandy clay
1-29 over a bed of caliche, and these layers allow good drainage down to
1-30 the bedrock; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Many Terry County farmers are agricultural
1-32 producers whose families have been in the area for generations;
1-33 they possess unparalleled knowledge of the land and the requisite
1-34 work ethic to successfully bring a crop to maturity; with each
1-35 growing season, more acreage is planted with grapes and the farming
1-36 community's knowledge of grape growing also increases; and

1-37 WHEREAS, The business community in the county fully supports
1-38 the grape-growing industry, and a local chamber of commerce held
1-39 the first Taste of Terry County Vineyard Festival in 2013; and

1-40 WHEREAS, An increasing number of publications, such as the
1-41 *Wall Street Journal*, are recognizing Terry County for its
1-42 development into a producer of world-class wine grapes; now,
1-43 therefore, be it

1-44 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-45 hereby designate Terry County as the official Grape Capital of
1-46 Texas; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-48 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-49 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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