

1-1 By: White (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.C.R. No. 27
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>X</u>			
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1-11	<u>X</u>			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, In recent years, the town of Spurger has become a
1-17 state and national center for knives and knife enthusiasts thanks
1-18 to the efforts of a local company, Texas Knives and Collectibles;
1-19 and

1-20 WHEREAS, Founded by Spurger businessman Marvin Mott, TKC has
1-21 grown since the 1990s into one of the state and nation's largest
1-22 retailers of knives from the W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company of
1-23 Bradford, Pennsylvania, and other well-known knife manufacturers,
1-24 earning the coveted Master Dealer designation from Case; and

1-25 WHEREAS, The store's extensive inventory includes such
1-26 collectible special edition knives as the Texas Ranger Company "A"
1-27 knife and the Spurger School Brick Trapper, which features a handle
1-28 made from the bricks of the historic Spurger High School; and

1-29 WHEREAS, This unique enterprise has also become a destination
1-30 for visitors to Spurger from across the state and nation by staging
1-31 the annual Case Historian and Ambassador Tour, which includes knife
1-32 exhibits, a fast-draw competition, and an Old West Show performed
1-33 by living history reenactors; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Handsome, handcrafted knives have played an
1-35 important role in the history and culture of the Lone Star State,
1-36 and by celebrating this proud heritage, Texas Knives and
1-37 Collectibles and the community of Spurger are helping to preserve
1-38 and promote a notable Texas legacy; now, therefore, be it

1-39 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-40 hereby designate Spurger as the official Knife Capital of Texas;
1-41 and, be it further

1-42 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-43 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-44 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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