

1-1 By: Hall S.C.R. No. 5
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 29, 2016; February 1, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 24, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-11 | <u>X</u> | | | |
| 1-12 | <u>X</u> | | | |
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| 1-14 | <u>X</u> | | | |
| 1-15 | <u>X</u> | | | |

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 5 By: Zaffirini

1-17 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-18 WHEREAS, The City of Rockwall has long been committed to
1-19 fostering a dynamic arts scene in its community, and live music has
1-20 played a vital role in that mission; and

1-21 WHEREAS, In 1999, the city government launched the Concert by
1-22 the Lake Series, a four-week program of free concerts on the eastern
1-23 shore of Lake Ray Hubbard; an instant triumph, the series
1-24 spotlighted regional bands, with each show averaging 175 attendees
1-25 during the inaugural season; the increasing popularity of the
1-26 series caused it to be relocated to The Harbor, a retail and
1-27 entertainment development, in 2007, and two years later, the
1-28 program was expanded to offer 24 consecutive weeks of live music
1-29 annually; since that time, the concerts have regularly drawn crowds
1-30 of more than 7,000 people; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The success of the Concert by the Lake Series led to
1-32 the formation of the city's Live Music Project, which has provided
1-33 invaluable support to area artists and brought a wide variety of
1-34 musical genres to the community; among the project's many benefits
1-35 has been the creation of several outdoor venues, including
1-36 amphitheaters at The Harbor and at Harry Myers Park and two
1-37 permanent stages in the Historic Downtown District; those locations
1-38 have hosted numerous visiting headliners as well as Rockwall Summer
1-39 Musicals, the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra, and the San Jacinto
1-40 Plaza Music Series, which presents over 50 free concerts each year;
1-41 and

1-42 WHEREAS, Since 2004, the annual Rockwall Founders Day
1-43 Festival has placed special emphasis on live music by featuring
1-44 regional groups and world-touring acts alike, including such Texas
1-45 music legends as Robert Earl Keen, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Asleep at
1-46 the Wheel, as well as the Little River Band, the Marshall Tucker
1-47 Band, and the Charlie Daniels Band; and

1-48 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of the City of Rockwall, local
1-49 residents are now able to enjoy nearly 130 free live music
1-50 performances each year, and the town's growing reputation as an
1-51 important music hub has made it a popular destination for travelers
1-52 from across Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-54 hereby designate the city of Rockwall as an official Live Music
1-55 Capital of North Texas and urge that free live music continue to be
1-56 readily available to the residents and visitors of the Lone Star
1-57 State; and, be it further

1-58 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-59 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-60 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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