

1-1 By: Hefner (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.C.R. No. 122
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019;
1-3 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For more than 120 years, the East Texas community of
1-17 Pittsburg has been recognized across the Lone Star State as the
1-18 premier source of the delicious sausages known as hot links; and

1-19 WHEREAS, This savory tradition began in 1897, when an
1-20 entrepreneur of German ancestry named Charlie Hasselback brought
1-21 his recipe for hot links to Camp County; at first he sold the links
1-22 raw from his butcher shop in Pittsburg, but in 1918, he began
1-23 selling them cooked and ready to eat; traditionally served on
1-24 butcher paper with hot sauce and crackers, these small, stubby
1-25 sausages won instant converts with their unique texture, crunchy on
1-26 the outside and soft on the inside, and their signature burst of
1-27 flavor; and

1-28 WHEREAS, Over the years, Pittsburg has been home to several
1-29 hot link businesses; O. O. Smith, who worked with Mr. Hasselback,
1-30 established his own hot link shop and later sold it to Johnny
1-31 Franklin, who ran it until the 1990s; the hot link joint started by
1-32 Henry James passed through several hands before it closed in the
1-33 1970s; Barney Warrick, who initially worked for Mr. James, went on
1-34 to set up his own hot link enterprise with his son, Gene; and

1-35 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Gene Warrick and Jimmy Brooks founded
1-36 the B&W Meat Company and JB's Hot Links; Mr. Warrick took over the
1-37 businesses in the 1980s and changed the names to Pittsburg Hot Link
1-38 Restaurants, Inc., and Pittsburg Hot Link Packers, Inc., and he and
1-39 his wife, Madeline, purchased and renovated the building where
1-40 Pittsburg Hot Links has been managed by Teresa, Tina, Sala, and
1-41 Sonya Warrick, and is currently managed by Sabin and his sister,
1-42 Salina Warrick; and

1-43 WHEREAS, While there are hot link shops in many nearby
1-44 communities, including Mount Pleasant, Daingerfield, Gilmer, and
1-45 Winnsboro, Pittsburg remains the home of the hot link, drawing
1-46 visitors from all over the state and nation; Pittsburg Hot Links and
1-47 its adjoining Sausage Warehouse take up an entire city block of
1-48 downtown Pittsburg, and the warehouse produces more than eight
1-49 million links, or a million pounds of sausage, each year,
1-50 generating over \$2.5 million in sales and \$750,000 in payroll; and

1-51 WHEREAS, Often referred to as "East Texas caviar," Pittsburg
1-52 hot links are a source of pride and prosperity for the people of
1-53 Pittsburg as well as a significant contribution to the culinary
1-54 tradition of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

1-55 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-56 hereby designate Pittsburg as the official Hot Link Capital of
1-57 Texas; 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 the date this resolution is finally
1-61 passed by the legislature.

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