

1-1 By: Rogers (Senate Sponsor - King) H.C.R. No. 4  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;  
1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The city of Mineral Wells has long been associated  
1-17 with activities focused on health and well-being, and in recent  
1-18 years, it has become an increasingly popular destination for  
1-19 travelers seeking wellness experiences; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Mineral Wells first gained renown as a health resort  
1-21 during the late 1800s and early 1900s, when tourists were drawn by  
1-22 its mineral waters, which were believed to have special medicinal  
1-23 properties; by the 1920s, the town was home to more than 400 mineral  
1-24 wells and numerous therapeutic bathhouses, and bottled water and  
1-25 water crystals from the area were shipped throughout the nation;  
1-26 today, visitors can still enjoy mineral baths and spa treatments  
1-27 inspired by those that gave rise to the city's historic motto: "the  
1-28 South's Greatest Health Resort"; and

1-29 WHEREAS, While Mineral Wells draws inspiration from its rich  
1-30 past, it also caters to the needs of health-conscious travelers in  
1-31 the 21st century; the local wellness industry has enjoyed a  
1-32 resurgence in recent years as the city has worked toward securing  
1-33 designation as a Wellness Tourism Destination; in order to receive  
1-34 this coveted title, a community is required to meet a number of  
1-35 criteria outlined by the Wellness Tourism Association with an  
1-36 emphasis on health, safety, cleanliness, sustainability, and  
1-37 natural beauty; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Located in the hilly terrain of the Palo Pinto  
1-39 Mountains, the Mineral Wells area offers numerous locations to  
1-40 enjoy the outdoors, including the Brazos River, Possum Kingdom  
1-41 Lake, and the Clark Gardens Botanical Park; in addition, the city  
1-42 boasts a variety of recreational opportunities at Lake Mineral  
1-43 Wells State Park, the Texas Frontier Trails, and Mineral Wells  
1-44 Fossil Park, where visitors can enjoy such activities as hiking,  
1-45 cycling, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, paddleboarding, and  
1-46 horseback riding; and

1-47 WHEREAS, A range of businesses have been established in  
1-48 Mineral Wells that are popular with wellness travelers, among them,  
1-49 yoga studios and markets featuring goods from local artisans and  
1-50 fresh produce from area farmers and growers; such enterprises  
1-51 reflect the growing importance of tourism to the city's economy;  
1-52 and

1-53 WHEREAS, Through its burgeoning wellness industry and its  
1-54 abundance of natural attractions, Mineral Wells is building on its  
1-55 heritage as one of the Lone Star State's premier destinations for  
1-56 wellness getaways and elevating its reputation as a haven for both  
1-57 recreation and relaxation; now, therefore, be it

1-58 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-59 hereby designate Mineral Wells as the official Wellness Capital of  
1-60 Texas; and, be it further

1-61 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section

2-1 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
2-2 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
2-3 passed by the legislature.

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