

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.C.R. No. 71
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is renowned for the diversity of
1-17 its animal population, and select species have become iconic
1-18 symbols for certain locations in the state; La Salle County, a
1-19 renowned destination for hunting in South Texas, has become
1-20 associated with one of its most challenging quarries, the wild hog;
1-21 and

1-22 WHEREAS, These hardy animals are descended from pigs that
1-23 escaped into the wild as well as Eurasian wild boars that were
1-24 imported as exotic game in the early 1900s; feral hogs thrive in
1-25 many parts of the U.S. and have expanded throughout Texas; while
1-26 their adaptability is impressive, they are recognized as an
1-27 invasive species that poses serious problems for landowners and
1-28 other animals; wild hogs forage for food by rooting, and Texas'
1-29 estimated population of more than three million inflicts
1-30 substantial damage to crops, pastures, and wildlife habitat each
1-31 year; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Hunting has been an important part of efforts to
1-33 control the numbers of wild hogs, and that is especially true in La
1-34 Salle County; residents and hunting enthusiasts from across the
1-35 state and beyond are drawn to the area to pursue the elusive game,
1-36 and the sport has a sizable impact on the local economy; the county
1-37 is home to numerous ranches that offer opportunities to hunt feral
1-38 hogs in addition to other game; and

1-39 WHEREAS, Building on the popularity of feral hog hunting, the
1-40 La Salle County Fair hosted the first Wild Hog Cook-Off competition
1-41 in 1981; the event proved immensely popular and grew rapidly,
1-42 adding a range of categories, including the much-anticipated
1-43 artistic presentation contest, in which teams are judged on the
1-44 elaborate trays they use to serve their food; today, the fair and
1-45 cook-off take place every March in Cotulla, and the family-friendly
1-46 event features live music, entertainment, carnival rides, and
1-47 vendors in addition to the wild hog cooking contest; and

1-48 WHEREAS, The feral hog hunting industry and the Wild Hog
1-49 Cook-Off festivities are sources of pride and prosperity for the
1-50 residents of La Salle County, and the importance of these
1-51 attractions is indeed deserving of special recognition; now,
1-52 therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-54 hereby designate La Salle County as the official Wild Hog Capital of
1-55 Texas; and, be it further

1-56 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-57 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-58 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-59 passed by the legislature.

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