

1-1 By: Shofner (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.C.R. No. 75  
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 12, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 12, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hall	X		
1-9	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Kolkhorst	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Nestled in the beautiful Piney Woods of East Texas,  
1-17 the city of Hemphill is renowned in the Lone Star State and beyond  
1-18 as a premier destination for bass fishing; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The seat of Sabine County, Hemphill is situated  
1-20 between Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Sabine River and Sam Rayburn  
1-21 Reservoir on the Angelina River; these two immensely popular  
1-22 locations regularly rank near the top in ratings of bass fishing  
1-23 sites, and in recent years, each has been recognized as the best  
1-24 bass fishing lake in the nation by *Bassmaster Magazine*; and

1-25 WHEREAS, The reservoirs contain a variety of fish species but  
1-26 are best known for their thriving populations of largemouth bass;  
1-27 an analysis of fishing tournament results published in *Texas Parks*  
1-28 *and Wildlife* noted that the lakes were among the state's best in  
1-29 terms of the size and availability of bass, and the reservoirs  
1-30 attract legions of recreational and professional anglers seeking  
1-31 trophy catches; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Serving as the hub of this prime fishing area,  
1-33 Hemphill is home to marinas, bait and tackle shops, guide services,  
1-34 restaurants, hotels, and a host of other enterprises catering to  
1-35 visitors; these fishing-related businesses help drive the local  
1-36 economy, and the city has a deep and long-lasting connection to the  
1-37 culture of the outdoors; residents of Hemphill and the wider region  
1-38 demonstrate a strong commitment to conservation and responsible  
1-39 fishing practices, and through their dedicated environmental  
1-40 stewardship, they are working to ensure that water resources are  
1-41 protected and preserved for future generations; and

1-42 WHEREAS, That mission is furthered by the public agencies  
1-43 that help oversee the reservoirs; these include the Texas Parks and  
1-44 Wildlife Department, which manages the stocking of fish and guides  
1-45 vegetation management for both lakes, and the Sabine River  
1-46 Authority of Texas, which has helped install fish habitat  
1-47 structures in Toledo Bend Reservoir and is developing new  
1-48 facilities, such as Sabinetown Park, a world-class venue for  
1-49 fishing tournaments, boating, and other recreational activities;  
1-50 and

1-51 WHEREAS, Bass fishing is integral to the heritage and  
1-52 prosperity of Hemphill, and the sport has brought the city a level  
1-53 of national acclaim that is a source of pride to all Texans; now,  
1-54 therefore, be it

1-55 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-56 hereby designate Hemphill as the official Bass Fishing Capital of  
1-57 Texas; and, be it further

1-58 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of  
1-59 Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in  
1-60 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is  
1-61 finally passed by the legislature.

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