

1-1 By: Shofner (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.C.R. No. 93  
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, The Lone Star State is renowned for the beauty and  
1-17 diversity of its many public gardens and parks and for the  
1-18 dedication its residents have demonstrated to preserving and  
1-19 sustaining these oases of greenery; and

1-20 WHEREAS, While outstanding gardens can be found in many  
1-21 communities throughout the state, the city of Nacogdoches has  
1-22 distinguished itself for the number and variety of its green and  
1-23 flowering public spaces; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is located on a site once occupied by  
1-25 members of the Nacogdoche tribe, a group of the Caddo people whose  
1-26 culture was based on farming; a Spanish mission was established  
1-27 there in 1716, and the town has been a civil settlement since 1779;  
1-28 as early as 1853, the city's gardens were noted in the diary of a  
1-29 famous visitor, Frederick Law Olmsted, the landscape architect who  
1-30 later designed New York's Central Park and numerous other iconic  
1-31 public spaces around the nation; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Today, Nacogdoches helps to preserve the state's  
1-33 horticultural heritage through re-creations of traditional gardens  
1-34 at the Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens, the Sterne-Hoya  
1-35 House Museum and Library, Millard's Crossing Historic Village, and  
1-36 the Old Nacogdoches University Building; and

1-37 WHEREAS, The city's splendid green spaces also include  
1-38 Eugenia Sterne Park, Margil Park, Zion Hill Baptist Church  
1-39 Cemetery, Oak Grove Cemetery, and the Pocket Park and the Plaza  
1-40 Principal in the historic downtown; moreover, Liberty Memorial  
1-41 Garden commemorates with dignity and grace the lives lost during  
1-42 the tragic events of 9/11; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Nacogdoches is home to Stephen F. Austin State  
1-44 University, which is landscaped with overstory and ornamental trees  
1-45 to maintain the Pineywoods ecosystem and the natural beauty of the  
1-46 campus; the university's 138 acres of gardens include the SFA Mast  
1-47 Arboretum, the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, the Gayla Mize  
1-48 Garden, the Jim and Beth Kingham Children's Garden, the Plantery,  
1-49 and Jimmy Hinds Park; in addition, the Baldcypress Collection and  
1-50 the Crape Myrtle Collection are renowned for their impressive  
1-51 display of those species; each year, SFA Gardens hosts programs  
1-52 that provide information on sustainable gardening and the  
1-53 preservation of native plants, while the Nacogdoches Independent  
1-54 School District supports initiatives that encourage students to  
1-55 maintain and study gardens on the grounds of their schools; and

1-56 WHEREAS, Home of the annual Nacogdoches Azalea Trail each  
1-57 March, the community was the first to be recognized as part of the  
1-58 Azalea Society of America's Azalea City Program in 2004 and was  
1-59 recertified in 2012; the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden on the SFA  
1-60 campus is the largest such garden in the state, with more than 7,000  
1-61 evergreen and native azaleas on display; another of the city's

2-1 notable sites is the Nacogdoches County Master Gardeners  
2-2 Demonstration Garden on the former site of Aqua Vitae Park, which  
2-3 was developed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in  
2-4 cooperation with the city and Nacogdoches County; and

2-5 WHEREAS, The thoughtful cultivation of the splendor of nature  
2-6 is one of the most sublime expressions of the human spirit, and the  
2-7 skill and devotion with which the city of Nacogdoches has showcased  
2-8 its lovely trees and flowering plants is indeed deserving of  
2-9 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

2-10 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2-11 hereby designate Nacogdoches as the official Garden Capital of  
2-12 Texas; and, be it further

2-13 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of  
2-14 Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in  
2-15 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is  
2-16 finally passed by the legislature.

3-1 Designating Nacogdoches as the official Garden Capital of Texas for  
3-2 a 10-year period ending in 2035.

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