

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.C.R. No. 107
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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1-8	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The *Texas Almanac* has informed and enlightened
1-17 residents of the Lone Star State for nearly 170 years; and

1-18 WHEREAS, First published by *The Galveston News* in 1857, the
1-19 almanac initially focused on the workings of government and the
1-20 history of Texas; the 19th-century editions of the book featured
1-21 numerous first-person accounts of the still-recent Texas
1-22 Revolution and the transition to statehood; and

1-23 WHEREAS, The almanac was published in Houston and then Austin
1-24 during the Civil War-era blockade of Galveston's port; following
1-25 the 1873 edition, *The Galveston News* let the publication lapse, but
1-26 its sister paper, *The Dallas Morning News*, released five editions
1-27 between 1904 and 1914; World War I occasioned another hiatus, but
1-28 publication resumed in 1925, and during the Great Depression, the
1-29 almanac shifted to a biennial cycle, which has been only rarely
1-30 interrupted in the decades since; and

1-31 WHEREAS, By 1950, the *Texas Almanac* had taken its modern form
1-32 as a reference book covering resources, industries, commerce,
1-33 history, government, population, and other subjects relating to the
1-34 state's political, civic, and economic development; *The Dallas*
1-35 *Morning News* donated the *Texas Almanac* to the Texas State
1-36 Historical Association in 2008, a gift that encompassed the
1-37 publication's archives, trademark, inventory, and other assets;
1-38 dedicated to fostering appreciation and understanding of the
1-39 state's rich heritage, TSHA is also the publisher of the widely
1-40 circulated *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* and the popular
1-41 Handbook of Texas online encyclopedia; and

1-42 WHEREAS, Today, the *Texas Almanac* remains an indispensable
1-43 information resource, featuring a wealth of comprehensive and
1-44 readily accessible data and an engaging style that appeals to its
1-45 diverse audience of readers and researchers; and

1-46 WHEREAS, Since 1857, the *Texas Almanac* has served as an
1-47 essential guide to the Lone Star State, and its continued existence
1-48 is a testament to the commitment of its staff, the utility of its
1-49 contents, and the enduring fascination that Texas holds for both
1-50 its citizens and for readers beyond its borders; now, therefore, be
1-51 it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-53 hereby designate the *Texas Almanac* as the official State Book of
1-54 Texas.

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