

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces) H.C.R. No. 117
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

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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, Port Aransas, situated on Mustang Island along the
1-17 Texas Gulf Coast, has long been recognized as one of Texas' premier
1-18 locations for fishing, attracting anglers from across the state and
1-19 beyond; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Boasting a diverse marine ecosystem, the waters
1-21 surrounding the island offer opportunities to catch red snapper,
1-22 redfish, flounder, tarpon, marlin, tuna, and other prized species;
1-23 moreover, the area is optimal for deep-sea, bay, and pier fishing,
1-24 providing enthusiasts with a range of options; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Port Aransas hosts a number of prestigious fishing
1-26 tournaments, including the Texas Legends Billfish Tournament, the
1-27 Texas Women Anglers Tournament, and the Deep Sea Roundup, which is
1-28 renowned as the oldest fishing competition on the Texas coast; and

1-29 WHEREAS, The city is home to a thriving fishing industry that
1-30 encompasses guided charter services, bait and tackle shops,
1-31 marinas, and other businesses, all of which contribute
1-32 significantly to the local and state economy; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and local
1-34 conservation groups have worked diligently to preserve and maintain
1-35 the natural fisheries of the area, ensuring that future generations
1-36 can continue to enjoy world-class fishing in Port Aransas; and

1-37 WHEREAS, The residents of Port Aransas have demonstrated an
1-38 unwavering commitment to the promotion, preservation, and
1-39 enhancement of the area's fishing opportunities, and their efforts,
1-40 along with the abundant coastal waters, have made the city a beloved
1-41 fishing destination for a multitude of Texans and visitors alike;
1-42 now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-44 hereby designate Port Aransas as the official Fishing Capital of
1-45 Texas; and, be it further

1-46 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-47 Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-48 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-49 finally passed by the legislature.

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