

1-1 By: Huffman S.C.R. No. 30
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2025; March 13, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 April 28, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 28, 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 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Situated on the Texas coast, Matagorda County
1-17 provides a diverse set of habitats that welcome hundreds of bird
1-18 species each year; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The county's shoreline and marshes attract birds
1-20 such as ospreys, pelicans, and egrets, while inland terrains are
1-21 home to hawks, hummingbirds, blackbirds, and more; along the area's
1-22 bays and rivers, loons, cormorants, and mergansers can be found,
1-23 and the county is also on the pathway for numerous migratory
1-24 species, including flycatchers, vireos, and orioles; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Since 1993, the county has participated in the
1-26 Audubon Christmas Bird Count, and it has consistently earned a top
1-27 ranking for its rich diversity of species; during the 2023-2024
1-28 count, the county had 225 types of birds in its tally, taking first
1-29 place for locations north of the U.S.-Mexico border; in addition,
1-30 it had the only examples of such rare birds as the surf scoter and
1-31 the blue grosbeak; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Matagorda County features many conservation areas
1-33 that help protect bird habitats; these include the Big Boggy
1-34 National Wildlife Refuge, the Mad Island Wildlife Management Area,
1-35 The Nature Conservancy's Clive Runnells Family Mad Island Marsh
1-36 Preserve, the Matagorda Peninsula Coastal Management Area, and the
1-37 Dog Island Preserve, which together encompass more than 26,000
1-38 acres; in addition, residents and visitors can enjoy the region's
1-39 biodiversity at the Matagorda County Birding Nature Center and the
1-40 Matagorda Bay Nature Park, and Palacios is the site of the annual
1-41 Matagorda Bay Birdfest, where attendees can enjoy bird tours, a
1-42 parade, a youth art contest, and other activities; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Matagorda County has demonstrated a notable
1-44 commitment to preserving its abundant natural resources, ensuring
1-45 that it will continue to host myriad bird species, and the county's
1-46 status as a premier location to appreciate avian wildlife is indeed
1-47 deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-49 hereby designate Matagorda County as the official Birding Capital
1-50 of Texas; and, be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-52 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-53 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-54 passed by the legislature.

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