

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

The crape myrtle has been a distinctive part of the Texas landscape for more than 100 years, and this striking shrub never fails to add a touch of class and beauty to its surroundings. H.C.R. 14 provides that the myrtle shrub be named the Official State Shrub of Texas and that Lamar County and Paris, Texas be named the Crape Myrtle County Capital, and the Official Crape Myrtle City, respectively.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.C.R. 14 submits the following resolutions:

To recognize the valuable addition of the crape myrtle to our native flora and declare the crape myrtle the Official State Shrub of Texas.

Provides that Lamar County be declared the Crape Myrtle County Capital and that Paris, its county seat, be designated the Official Crape Myrtle City for their longtime association with the celebrated shrub.

Provides that Waxahachie be declared the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas and that Brazos County be recognized as an Official Crape Myrtle County for their communities' lasting contributions to the beautification of Texas.