

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.C.R. 52
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DIGEST

The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to designate Clifton, Texas as the Norwegian Capital of Texas. Clifton was settled in 1854, and has two notable settlers, Ole Canuteson and Cleng Peerson, who established the community of Norse in Bosque County, which presently has the largest population of Norwegian Americans in the South and Southwest. The Texas Historical Commission designated the town a Texas Main Street City. The citizens of Clifton have done an excellent job of preserving the community's past and present, such as the historic Norway Mill; the log home of Joseph Olson; The Bosque Memorial Museum, a legacy from immigrant farmer Jacob Olson; and Our Savior's Lutheran Church. In 1982, King Olav V of Norway visited Clifton. The outstanding qualities of this charming and colorful town have made Clifton popular with tourists. S.C.R. 52 would recognize and designate the city of Clifton as the Norwegian Capital of Texas.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.C.R. 52 submits the following resolution:

That the 76th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby name Clifton the Norwegian Capital of Texas and applaud its citizens for their notable efforts in preserving the fascinating heritage of the area.