

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The city of Kenedy in Karnes County is a charming community that is known throughout South Texas for its colorful history and close association with the Texas horned lizard. The town enjoys the unique distinction of having the largest known population of federally protected Texas horned lizards, and Kenedy residents have embraced the responsibilities of coexistence with this remarkable species. To that end, they are keenly aware of landscaping, pest control, and other decisions affecting the creature's habitat and are working in conjunction with the Horned Lizard Conservation Society to conduct research on the lizard with the goal of incorporating the results of that research into an academic curriculum. In addition, residents have formed the Horned Toad Club of Kenedy, which is open to anyone having an interest in the species. The goals of this estimable organization include promoting conservation and preservation of Texas horned lizards, establishing a habitat site and a library, erecting a museum, and conducting survey and research work. Texas horned lizards are a part of the rich heritage and culture of Kenedy and, indeed, all of the Lone Star State, and it is fitting to accord the city official recognition of its special status.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.C.R. 41 submits the following resolutions:

Provides that the 77th Texas Legislature hereby declares Kenedy the Horned Lizard Capital of Texas and commends the citizens of Kenedy for their continued efforts to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of this uniquely Texan protected species.