

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Will Metcalf House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism P.O. Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768-2910

Dear Mr. Chairman

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the City of Dripping Springs' support of <u>House Concurrent Resolution 58</u> by <u>Isaac</u>.

The resolution would extend the City's designation as the Wedding Capital of Texas. The City has had this designation for the last ten years, and in this time, millions of visitors have come to Dripping Springs for weddings. Based upon our most recent Datafy report, an estimated two million visitors have attended events at our Wedding Venues from January 2023 to March 2025. Dripping Springs has 40 wedding venues and 80+ Wedding Capital of Texas® partner businesses including retailers, lodging establishments, florists, bakeries, wineries, caterers, and wedding planners.

The economic vitality of the City and our local businesses relies on the wedding industry. Maintaining our Wedding Capital of Texas designation will further the economic growth of the City, its tourism industry, and our many businesses that depend on tourism.

For these reasons, the City of Dripping Springs strongly supports House Concurrent Resolution 58.

Sincerely,

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