

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, In recognition of both the direct and indirect
3 revenues that could be generated for the state by a robust wine
4 industry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst charged the Senate
5 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations of the 78th Legislature to
6 study and make recommendations relating to the development of the
7 Texas wine industry, assess the impact of state and federal laws on
8 the shipment and delivery of wine, and make recommendations for
9 increasing the economic impact of the wine industry in Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
11 found that Texas has all the elements necessary to be a competitive
12 force in the national and international wine industries; the Texas
13 wine industry could prove to be a stellar economic generator for the
14 state, and with the proper policies in place, the industry is
15 positioned to boom within the next five to 10 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made through the years,
17 insufficient funding and budget reductions for new and existing
18 education, training, and research hinder the development of the
19 industry; moreover, the lack of a consistent, coordinated, and
20 centralized effort among industry stakeholders and public policy
21 makers to develop appropriate programs and policies, to explore,
22 develop, and access relevant funding streams, and to communicate
23 concerns and needs to appropriate parties impedes the development
24 of this industry to its full potential; and

1 WHEREAS, Texas wines are gaining recognition through state,
2 national, and international competitions, and there are a number of
3 state and federal programs and funding streams that could be
4 accessed to facilitate the further growth of the Texas wine
5 industry; and

6 WHEREAS, It would be most beneficial to make certain that
7 relevant state agencies are aware of the potential value of the
8 industry and its needs; and

9 WHEREAS, There are occasions on which agencies of the state
10 and state institutions of higher education organize, sponsor, or
11 fund events where alcoholic beverages are served; and

12 WHEREAS, If it is the policy of this state to support the
13 Texas wine industry, it is only logical that Texas wines be included
14 at state-sponsored events and in state-operated facilities where
15 other alcoholic beverages are already served; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby recognize the importance of the emerging Texas wine industry
18 and request of all relevant agencies of the state and institutions
19 of higher education their best efforts to recognize and secure,
20 from the federal government or other appropriate sources, any
21 funding or other assistance that might be available to support the
22 protection and growth of the Texas wine industry; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the service of Texas wines be included at all
24 state dinners, meetings, conferences, and other events and in all
25 state or university facilities where wine or other alcoholic
26 beverages are served.

David Newburn
President of the Senate

Jim Cradick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2005. _____

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

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Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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