

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2           WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
3 recognize the importance of the chuck wagon to the state's history  
4 and culture and to designate it as the official vehicle of Texas;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The chuck wagon has been important in Texas since  
7 the great cattle drives that lasted from the end of the Civil War to  
8 the mid-1880s; during that period, approximately 10 million head of  
9 cattle were driven along trails all the way from Texas to railheads  
10 in Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming, and Canada; and

11           WHEREAS, During the early days of the trail drives, a cowboy  
12 relied for survival strictly on what he could carry with him,  
13 experiencing hunger and discomfort; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1866, Texas rancher and Civil War veteran Charles  
15 Goodnight first used an army surplus Studebaker wagon on the trail  
16 drive; the Studebaker proved itself sturdy enough to withstand  
17 trail drives that could last up to five months; and

18           WHEREAS, Goodnight then designed and added a chuck box and a  
19 boot to the rear of his wagon; this innovation became the prototype  
20 for all future chuck wagons; the wagon's box was used to carry the  
21 cowboys' bedrolls, guns, personal effects, bulk food supplies, feed  
22 for the horses, and other supplies; and

23           WHEREAS, Today The American Chuck Wagon Association has 123  
24 registered chuck wagons and over 200 members; the association's

1 members are committed to restoring and maintaining chuck wagons  
2 with their own resources, which has ensured that the chuck wagon  
3 will continue to function as a viable tool on many of our Texas  
4 ranches and add to our state's historical and cultural charm; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby acknowledge the important value of preserving the chuck  
8 wagon and designate the chuck wagon as the official vehicle of  
9 Texas; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared as an  
11 expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

David Nenthus  
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 8 was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 8 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2005.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

27 MAY 05  
Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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Roger Williams  
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