

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2           WHEREAS, The State of Texas traditionally has recognized a  
3 variety of official state symbols as tangible representations of  
4 the proud spirit and heritage of our state; and

5           WHEREAS, The bluebonnet, the pecan tree, the Guadalupe bass,  
6 and the lightning whelk are examples of some natural specimens that  
7 serve to symbolize the great diversity of the Texas landscape,  
8 while the state dish, chili, fittingly represents another aspect of  
9 our shared culture as Texans; and

10           WHEREAS, In keeping with this custom, the designation of the  
11 cast iron Dutch oven as the official State Cooking Implement would  
12 provide suitable recognition for this sturdy utensil; and

13           WHEREAS, A welcome and dependable fixture at campfires across  
14 the Lone Star State, the Dutch oven was used extensively by Spanish  
15 explorers, early settlers, ranchers, and chuckwagon cooks over the  
16 course of Texas' history; and

17           WHEREAS, The Dutch oven has also remained a popular item with  
18 a vast number of Texans today, and in January, 1995, the Lone Star  
19 Dutch Oven Society was founded to promote its use throughout the  
20 state; and

21           WHEREAS, Ideal for use in moist-cooking methods, such as  
22 braising and stewing, the Dutch oven's versatility has made it the  
23 food preparation implement of choice of both the Boy Scouts of  
24 America and the Girl Scouts of America; and

1 WHEREAS, Renowned for its portability and durability, the  
2 cast iron Dutch oven has been a cooking mainstay of Texans from the  
3 time of the pioneers to the current day, and it is indeed  
4 appropriate that it receive special legislative recognition for its  
5 role in our state's history and culture; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby designate the cast iron Dutch oven as the official State  
8 Cooking Implement.

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 9 was adopted by the Senate  
on April 21, 2005.

Patricia Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 9 was adopted by the House  
on May 20, 2005.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

18 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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