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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of San Angelo and the San Angelo Cookers'
2 Association are hosting the Chili Appreciation Society
3 International (CASI) Annual Great Peppers Convention on September
4 10, 2005, and this event provides a fitting opportunity to
5 recognize this nonprofit organization for its many good works; and

6 WHEREAS, Dedicated to raising funds for scholarships and
7 charities in the United States and abroad, as well as increasing
8 public awareness of the historical and cultural significance of
9 chili, CASI sanctions more than 500 chili cook-offs annually; the
10 proceeds from the cook-offs benefit worthy causes, and in 2004
11 alone over \$1.2 million was raised; and

12 WHEREAS, One of CASI's greatest beneficiaries is the
13 community of Terlingua, where in November of each year, those
14 participants who have excelled in local and regional cook-offs are
15 invited to attend a four-day chili festival that culminates with
16 the Terlingua International Chili Championship; not only has CASI
17 provided the area with tremendous economic stimulation, but it has
18 made generous donations to the Terlingua Volunteer Fire Department,
19 Terlingua High School and Library, Terlingua Medics, the Brewster
20 County Sheriff's Department, and the Sul Ross Rodeo Club; and

21 WHEREAS, The designation of chili as the official State Dish
22 of Texas underscores the importance of this indigenous American
23 fare to the Lone Star State, and through CASI's charitable efforts
24 and its devotion to promoting the unique cultural and culinary

1 legacy of chili, the organization has made a Texas-sized impact on
2 the lives of countless individuals; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize the week of
5 September 5, 2005, as Chili Appreciation Week, commend all those
6 associated with the Chili Appreciation Society International for
7 their philanthropy, and extend a warm Texas welcome to the
8 attendees of the Annual Great Peppers Convention.