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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Renowned for its portability and durability, the

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

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