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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The colorful history of the Lone Star State is  
2           inextricably associated with the romance of cowboy culture, and  
3           among the many legacies of this proud heritage is the delicious flat  
4           bread known as pan de campo, or cowboy bread; and

5           WHEREAS, Relied on by early settlers and vaqueros to sustain  
6           themselves as they rode the range, pan de campo has transcended its  
7           humble origins to take a place of honor at such events as the Pan de  
8           Campo celebration that is sponsored annually by the San Diego  
9           Chamber of Commerce in Duval County; and

10           WHEREAS, With thousands of participants and spectators, the  
11           celebration includes such events as softball and volleyball  
12           tournaments, a parade and live Tejano music, and the pan de campo  
13           cook-off; and

14           WHEREAS, The chefs who make contemporary variations on pan de  
15           campo recognize that cowboy bread's appeal lies not only in its  
16           elegant simplicity but also in its role as a redolent reminder of  
17           the state's storied past and the vaqueros of South Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, Because the cowboys who introduced pan de campo to  
19           Texas had no access to conventional kitchens, the bread was  
20           prepared in small portable ovens, and it was this distinctive  
21           cooking method that gave pan de campo its characteristic texture  
22           and flavor; and

23           WHEREAS, Pan de campo enjoys a singular stature in Texas  
24           history and culture that is rivaled only by its undeniable appeal as

1 a versatile and satisfying food, and it is only right and proper  
2 that this essential element of the state's greatness receive  
3 official recognition; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby designate pan de campo the Official State Bread of Texas.