

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.C.R. No. 98
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;
1-3 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The colorful history of the Lone Star State is
1-8 inextricably associated with the romance of cowboy culture, and
1-9 among the many legacies of this proud heritage is the delicious flat
1-10 bread known as pan de campo, or cowboy bread; and

1-11 WHEREAS, Relied on by early settlers and vaqueros to sustain
1-12 themselves as they rode the range, pan de campo has transcended its
1-13 humble origins to take a place of honor at such events as the Pan de
1-14 Campo celebration that is sponsored annually by the San Diego
1-15 Chamber of Commerce in Duval County; and

1-16 WHEREAS, With thousands of participants and spectators, the
1-17 celebration includes such events as softball and volleyball
1-18 tournaments, a parade and live Tejano music, and the pan de campo
1-19 cook-off; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The chefs who make contemporary variations on pan de
1-21 campo recognize that cowboy bread's appeal lies not only in its
1-22 elegant simplicity but also in its role as a redolent reminder of
1-23 the state's storied past and the vaqueros of South Texas; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Because the cowboys who introduced pan de campo to
1-25 Texas had no access to conventional kitchens, the bread was
1-26 prepared in small portable ovens, and it was this distinctive
1-27 cooking method that gave pan de campo its characteristic texture
1-28 and flavor; and

1-29 WHEREAS, Pan de campo enjoys a singular stature in Texas
1-30 history and culture that is rivaled only by its undeniable appeal as
1-31 a versatile and satisfying food, and it is only right and proper
1-32 that this essential element of the state's greatness receive
1-33 official recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-34 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-35 hereby designate pan de campo the Official State Bread of Texas.

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