

1-1 By: Armbrister, Williams S.C.R. No. 9
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 April 12, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 0; April 12, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The State of Texas traditionally has recognized a
1-8 variety of official state symbols as tangible representations of
1-9 the proud spirit and heritage of our state; and

1-10 WHEREAS, The bluebonnet, the pecan tree, the Guadalupe bass,
1-11 and the lightning whelk are examples of some natural specimens that
1-12 serve to symbolize the great diversity of the Texas landscape,
1-13 while the state dish, chili, fittingly represents another aspect of
1-14 our shared culture as Texans; and

1-15 WHEREAS, In keeping with this custom, the designation of the
1-16 cast iron Dutch oven as the official State Cooking Implement would
1-17 provide suitable recognition for this sturdy utensil; and

1-18 WHEREAS, A welcome and dependable fixture at campfires across
1-19 the Lone Star State, the Dutch oven was used extensively by Spanish
1-20 explorers, early settlers, ranchers, and chuckwagon cooks over the
1-21 course of Texas' history; and

1-22 WHEREAS, The Dutch oven has also remained a popular item with
1-23 a vast number of Texans today, and in January, 1995, the Lone Star
1-24 Dutch Oven Society was founded to promote its use throughout the
1-25 state; and

1-26 WHEREAS, Ideal for use in moist-cooking methods, such as
1-27 braising and stewing, the Dutch oven's versatility has made it the
1-28 food preparation implement of choice of both the Boy Scouts of
1-29 America and the Girl Scouts of America; and

1-30 WHEREAS, Renowned for its portability and durability, the
1-31 cast iron Dutch oven has been a cooking mainstay of Texans from the
1-32 time of the pioneers to the current day, and it is indeed
1-33 appropriate that it receive special legislative recognition for its
1-34 role in our state's history and culture; now, therefore, be it

1-35 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-36 hereby designate the cast iron Dutch oven as the official State
1-37 Cooking Implement.

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