

1 WHEREAS, Texas wines are gaining recognition through state,
2 national, and international competitions, and there are a number of
3 state and federal programs and funding streams that could be
4 accessed to facilitate the further growth of the Texas wine
5 industry; and

6 WHEREAS, It would be most beneficial to make certain that
7 relevant state agencies are aware of the potential value of the
8 industry and its needs; and

9 WHEREAS, There are occasions on which agencies of the state
10 and state institutions of higher education organize, sponsor, or
11 fund events where alcoholic beverages are served; and

12 WHEREAS, If it is the policy of this state to support the
13 Texas wine industry, it is only logical that Texas wines be included
14 at state-sponsored events and in state-operated facilities where
15 other alcoholic beverages are already served; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby recognize the importance of the emerging Texas wine industry
18 and request of all relevant agencies of the state and institutions
19 of higher education their best efforts to recognize and secure,
20 from the federal government or other appropriate sources, any
21 funding or other assistance that might be available to support the
22 protection and growth of the Texas wine industry; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the service of Texas wines be included at all
24 state dinners, meetings, conferences, and other events and in all
25 state or university facilities where wine or other alcoholic
26 beverages are served.