

1-1 By: Madla, Estes S.C.R. No. 16
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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; April 22, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 16 By: Madla

1-8 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-9 WHEREAS, In recognition of both the direct and indirect
1-10 revenues that could be generated for the state by a robust wine
1-11 industry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst charged the Senate
1-12 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations of the 78th Legislature to
1-13 study and make recommendations relating to the development of the
1-14 Texas wine industry, assess the impact of state and federal laws on
1-15 the shipment and delivery of wine, and make recommendations for
1-16 increasing the economic impact of the wine industry in Texas; and

1-17 WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
1-18 found that Texas has all the elements necessary to be a competitive
1-19 force in the national and international wine industries; the Texas
1-20 wine industry could prove to be a stellar economic generator for the
1-21 state, and with the proper policies in place, the industry is
1-22 positioned to boom within the next five to 10 years; and

1-23 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made through the years,
1-24 insufficient funding and budget reductions for new and existing
1-25 education, training, and research hinder the development of the
1-26 industry; moreover, the lack of a consistent, coordinated, and
1-27 centralized effort among industry stakeholders and public policy
1-28 makers to develop appropriate programs and policies, to explore,
1-29 develop, and access relevant funding streams, and to communicate
1-30 concerns and needs to appropriate parties impedes the development
1-31 of this industry to its full potential; and

1-32 WHEREAS, Texas wines are gaining recognition through state,
1-33 national, and international competitions, and there are a number of
1-34 state and federal programs and funding streams that could be
1-35 accessed to facilitate the further growth of the Texas wine
1-36 industry; and

1-37 WHEREAS, It would be most beneficial to make certain that
1-38 relevant state agencies are aware of the potential value of the
1-39 industry and its needs; and

1-40 WHEREAS, There are occasions on which agencies of the state
1-41 and state institutions of higher education organize, sponsor, or
1-42 fund events where alcoholic beverages are served; and

1-43 WHEREAS, If it is the policy of this state to support the
1-44 Texas wine industry, it is only logical that Texas wines be included
1-45 at state-sponsored events and in state-operated facilities where
1-46 other alcoholic beverages are already served; now, therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-48 hereby recognize the importance of the emerging Texas wine industry
1-49 and request of all relevant agencies of the state and institutions
1-50 of higher education their best efforts to recognize and secure,
1-51 from the federal government or other appropriate sources, any
1-52 funding or other assistance that might be available to support the
1-53 protection and growth of the Texas wine industry; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That the service of Texas wines be included at all
1-55 state dinners, meetings, conferences, and other events and in all
1-56 state or university facilities where wine or other alcoholic
1-57 beverages are served.

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