

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of both the direct and indirect  
3 revenues that could be generated for the state by a robust wine  
4 industry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst charged the Senate  
5 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations of the 78th Legislature to  
6 study and make recommendations relating to the development of the  
7 Texas wine industry, assess the impact of state and federal laws on  
8 the shipment and delivery of wine, and make recommendations for  
9 increasing the economic impact of the wine industry in Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations  
11 found that Texas has all the elements necessary to be a competitive  
12 force in the national and international wine industries; the Texas  
13 wine industry could prove to be a stellar economic generator for the  
14 state, and with the proper policies in place, the industry is  
15 positioned to boom within the next five to 10 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made through the years,  
17 insufficient funding and budget reductions for new and existing  
18 education, training, and research hinder the development of the  
19 industry; moreover, the lack of a consistent, coordinated, and  
20 centralized effort among industry stakeholders and public policy  
21 makers to develop appropriate programs and policies, to explore,  
22 develop, and access relevant funding streams, and to communicate  
23 concerns and needs to appropriate parties impedes the development  
24 of this industry to its full potential; and

1           WHEREAS, Two independent studies have recently confirmed the  
2 genetic origin of the glassy-winged sharpshooter in Texas; this  
3 finding makes Texas a natural laboratory for the study of Pierce's  
4 disease and its vector, the glassy-winged sharpshooter, which  
5 impact the viability of grape and wine industries throughout the  
6 nation, and the dedication of new revenues to this research would  
7 facilitate research of benefit to all wine-producing states; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition, there are a number of federal programs  
9 and funding streams that could be accessed to promote the Texas wine  
10 industry, and alerting the Texas congressional delegation to the  
11 potential value of the Texas wine industry and its needs would  
12 greatly benefit the industry and the entire state; now, therefore,  
13 be it

14           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby respectfully request the members of the Texas delegation to  
16 the United States Congress to recognize the importance of the  
17 emerging Texas wine industry and to work to secure funding and other  
18 assistance available at the federal level to support the protection  
19 and growth of the Texas wine industry; and, be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the legislature hereby respectfully request  
21 the members of the Texas delegation to the United States Congress to  
22 specifically seek funds in the amount of \$2 million for each year of  
23 the following five-year period for grant funding through the United  
24 States Department of Agriculture and the Animal Plant and Health  
25 Inspection Service to conduct Pierce's disease research in Texas;  
26 and, be it further

27           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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1 copies of this resolution to all the members of the Texas delegation  
2 to the Congress of the United States of America.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 18 was adopted by the Senate  
on May 3, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 18 was adopted by the House  
on May 25, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor