

1 of this industry to its full potential;

2 WHEREAS, Two independent studies have recently confirmed the
3 genetic origin of the glassy-winged sharpshooter is Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas is a natural laboratory for the study of
5 Pierces' disease and its vector, the glassy-winged sharpshooter,
6 which impact the viability of grape and wine industries throughout
7 the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The dedication of new revenues to this research will
9 facilitate research to benefit all wine-producing states;

10 WHEREAS, There are a number of federal programs and funding
11 streams that could be accessed to benefit the Texas wine industry;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, It would be beneficial for the Texas wine industry
14 and the State to make the Texas Congressional Delegation aware of
15 the potential value of the industry and its needs; now, therefore be
16 it

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

23 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby respectfully request the members of the Texas Delegation to
25 the United States Congress to specifically seek amounts of \$2
26 million for each year of the following five-year period for grant
27 funding through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

1 and the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for
2 Pierce's Disease research in Texas; and therefore be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
4 copies of this resolution to all the members of the Texas delegation
5 to the Congress of the United States of America.