

1-1 By: Madla, Estes S.C.R. No. 18  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 30, 2005, read  
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;  
1-6 April 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.C.R. No. 18 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, Two independent studies have recently confirmed the  
1-33 genetic origin of the glassy-winged sharpshooter in Texas; this  
1-34 finding makes Texas a natural laboratory for the study of Pierce's  
1-35 disease and its vector, the glassy-winged sharpshooter, which  
1-36 impact the viability of grape and wine industries throughout the  
1-37 nation, and the dedication of new revenues to this research would  
1-38 facilitate research of benefit to all wine-producing states; and

1-39 WHEREAS, In addition, there are a number of federal programs  
1-40 and funding streams that could be accessed to promote the Texas wine  
1-41 industry, and alerting the Texas congressional delegation to the  
1-42 potential value of the Texas wine industry and its needs would  
1-43 greatly benefit the industry and the entire state; now, therefore,  
1-44 be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-46 hereby respectfully request the members of the Texas delegation to  
1-47 the United States Congress to recognize the importance of the  
1-48 emerging Texas wine industry and to work to secure funding and other  
1-49 assistance available at the federal level to support the protection  
1-50 and growth of the Texas wine industry; and, be it further

1-51 RESOLVED, That the legislature hereby respectfully request  
1-52 the members of the Texas delegation to the United States Congress to  
1-53 specifically seek funds in the amount of \$2 million for each year of  
1-54 the following five-year period for grant funding through the United  
1-55 States Department of Agriculture and the Animal Plant and Health  
1-56 Inspection Service to conduct Pierce's disease research in Texas;  
1-57 and, be it further

1-58 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-59 copies of this resolution to all the members of the Texas delegation  
1-60 to the Congress of the United States of America.

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