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H.C.R. No. 137

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Barnie McBee Memorial Cook-off in Comanche is
2 recognized as a prominent barbecue competition that draws dozens of
3 cooking teams and as many as 10,000 spectators each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Held in conjunction with the Comanche County
5 Pow-Wow, the event was founded in 1982 through the efforts of avid
6 barbecuer Barnie McBee and other volunteers; Mr. McBee served as
7 the chair of the competition for many years, and after his passing
8 it was renamed the Barnie McBee Memorial Cook-off in 1990; and

9 WHEREAS, The event has grown into an extremely popular
10 gathering; enthusiastic cooks converge on Comanche's City Park each
11 September with their smokers and cookers in tow, and huge crowds
12 gather to enjoy the food, the festivities, and the drama of culinary
13 competition; many of the participants settle in for several days of
14 camping and cooking in the park, which enjoys a scenic and shady
15 location alongside South Fork Creek; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1996, the Barnie McBee Memorial Cook-off has
17 been sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society, which oversees
18 contests all over the state to ensure that they are fair and well
19 run; the Comanche cook-off has expanded beyond its original
20 beef-brisket judging and now also crowns winners in chicken and
21 pork spare ribs categories, with contestants vying for cash prizes
22 and trophies; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, the Barnie McBee
24 Memorial Cook-off has made a significant contribution to the Lone

1 Star State's renowned barbecue culture, and it is indeed fitting
2 that this much-loved annual tradition be accorded special
3 recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby designate the Bernie McBee Memorial Cook-off as the official
6 North Central Texas Regional Championship Barbecue Cook-off.