

1-1 By: Miller (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.C.R. No. 137
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 22, 2007;
1-3 April 3, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 8, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The Bernie McBee Memorial Cook-off in Comanche is
1-8 recognized as a prominent barbecue competition that draws dozens of
1-9 cooking teams and as many as 10,000 spectators each year; and

1-10 WHEREAS, Held in conjunction with the Comanche County
1-11 Pow-Wow, the event was founded in 1982 through the efforts of avid
1-12 barbecuer Bernie McBee and other volunteers; Mr. McBee served as
1-13 the chair of the competition for many years, and after his passing
1-14 it was renamed the Bernie McBee Memorial Cook-off in 1990; and

1-15 WHEREAS, The event has grown into an extremely popular
1-16 gathering; enthusiastic cooks converge on Comanche's City Park each
1-17 September with their smokers and cookers in tow, and huge crowds
1-18 gather to enjoy the food, the festivities, and the drama of culinary
1-19 competition; many of the participants settle in for several days of
1-20 camping and cooking in the park, which enjoys a scenic and shady
1-21 location alongside South Fork Creek; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Since 1996, the Bernie McBee Memorial Cook-off has
1-23 been sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society, which oversees
1-24 contests all over the state to ensure that they are fair and well
1-25 run; the Comanche cook-off has expanded beyond its original
1-26 beef-brisket judging and now also crowns winners in chicken and
1-27 pork spare ribs categories, with contestants vying for cash prizes
1-28 and trophies; and

1-29 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, the Bernie McBee
1-30 Memorial Cook-off has made a significant contribution to the Lone
1-31 Star State's renowned barbecue culture, and it is indeed fitting
1-32 that this much-loved annual tradition be accorded special
1-33 recognition; now, therefore, be it

1-34 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-35 hereby designate the Bernie McBee Memorial Cook-off as the official
1-36 North Central Texas Regional Championship Barbecue Cook-off.

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