By: Duncan

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to 3 recognize the City of Lamesa on the occasion of its first Original 4 Chicken-Fried Steak Festival; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lamesa has enjoyed considerable fame as 5 6 the birthplace of the chicken-fried steak ever since the Austin American-Statesman published a fictional story on January 11, 1976, 7 8 alleging that the chicken-fried steak was invented in 1911 by a short-order cook named Jimmy Don Perkins at a Lamesa diner called 9 10 Ethel's Home Cooking; the story contained numerous clues alluding to its satirical nature, yet it was later reported as if it were 11 12 true by many news outlets; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, the story has gained currency as 14 a Texas legend, appearing in such diverse locations as the on-line 15 encyclopedia Wikipedia, *Texas Monthly* magazine, the *Washington* 16 *Post*, and the Texas State Historical Association's *Handbook of* 17 *Texas Online*; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing a good thing when they see it, Lamesa's city leaders have organized Lamesa's Original Chicken-Fried Steak Festival to pay tribute to this gustatory delight and to raise awareness of its status as an icon of Texas cooking; this outstanding event will feature games and entertainment, a classic car show, and a chicken-fried steak cook-off with celebrity judges; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas 2 hereby extend best wishes for great success to the organizers of 3 Lamesa's Original Chicken-Fried Steak Festival and call on Texans 4 everywhere to recognize Lamesa as the Legendary Home of the 5 Chicken-Fried Steak; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the 7 city as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.