SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 463

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the First Annual BBQ Cook-Off at the Toyota Texas Bass Classic, which is taking place October 28 through 30, 2011, in Conroe; and

WHEREAS, The Toyota Texas Bass Classic will feature 50 of the world's top professional bass anglers competing to win the world championship of professional bass fishing; proceeds from the event go to support various youth and outdoor programs of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, including the Wildlife Forever Fish Art Contest, Neighborhood Fishin', Take Me Fishing, and Houston Urban Outreach Programs; in its four years of existence, the competition has donated \$1 million to promote these outstanding initiatives; and

WHEREAS, This year's addition of a barbecue cook-off to the lineup provides an opportunity for the state's many outstanding barbecue chefs to offer the fare for which they are justly famous; held under the auspices of the Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association, the cook-off presents a chance for Texans to combine their love of fishing and barbecue at a single venue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Toyota Texas Bass Classic on its exemplary support of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and extend to its sponsors and participants best wishes for a successful Bass Classic and inaugural BBQ Cook-Off event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special event.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate