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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texans enjoy a variety of mixed drinks, but perhaps
2 no cocktail in recent times has taken on more of a Lone Star flavor
3 than Texas vodka and red grapefruit juice from the Rio Grande
4 Valley; and

5 WHEREAS, This distinctive cocktail was first popular in the
6 1930s, when it was prepared with gin and grapefruit juice; after
7 World War II, when vodka became more widely imbibed in the United
8 States, cocktails made of vodka, sugar, and canned grapefruit juice
9 were regularly served at a chain of restaurants associated with bus
10 stations; and

11 WHEREAS, Today in the Lone Star State, this drink is often
12 made with homegrown ingredients; several popular varieties of
13 sweet, red grapefruit were developed at Texas A&M University in the
14 1960s and 1970s, and these tasty citrus are now a signature
15 product of South Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Vodka originated in Eastern Europe during the
17 medieval era, but in recent years, the spirit has likewise taken on
18 a uniquely Texan flavor, as at least 10 independent companies
19 across the state distill upwards of 15 different brands of
20 artisanal and premium vodkas; and

21 WHEREAS, Mixed together in a potent and flavorful concoction,
22 Texas vodka and Texas red grapefruit juice provide a refreshing
23 respite from the cares of the day on a warm Texas spring evening in
24 the Hill Country, or even on a cold winter night in Austin in the

1 midst of session; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby designate Texas vodka and red grapefruit juice as the
4 official mixed drink of the 84th Legislative Session.