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H.C.R. No. 122

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Americans love to eat the humble but tasty shrimp,  
2 and the shrimp caught off the Gulf Coast of Texas is among the most  
3 coveted of the varieties enjoyed by diners across the nation; and

4           WHEREAS, Approximately 90 percent of the shrimp consumed by  
5 Americans is imported from foreign tank farms, which makes Gulf  
6 shrimp a special treat; these low-calorie sources of protein can be  
7 served in many ways, either boiled, deep-fried, grilled, or  
8 pan-fried, and they are an excellent source of selenium, iron,  
9 zinc, and vitamins D and B12, as well as omega-3 fats; the average  
10 American eats more than four pounds of shrimp each year; and

11           WHEREAS, More than 80 percent of the shrimp harvested in the  
12 United States comes from the Gulf of Mexico, and Texas ranks as one  
13 of the leading producers of wild-caught shrimp, shipping large  
14 quantities of this healthy and sustainable food to restaurants and  
15 grocery stores nationwide; the Texas seafood industry generates  
16 more than \$850 million in sales each year and accounts for over  
17 14,000 jobs, and Gulf shrimping has become a way of life for many  
18 families in such communities as Port Arthur, Galveston, Palacios,  
19 and Port Isabel; and

20           WHEREAS, Like barbecue and Tex-Mex, the shrimp caught off the  
21 Gulf Coast of Texas has become one of the signature foods of Lone  
22 Star cuisine and an essential part of the economy and the cultural  
23 heritage of our state; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby designate the Texas Gulf shrimp as the Official State  
2 Crustacean of Texas.