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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Americans love to eat the humble but tasty shrimp,
2 and the shrimp caught off the Gulf Coast of Texas are 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, and
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.