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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Texas traditionally has recognized a 3 variety of official state symbols as tangible representations of 4 the proud spirit and heritage of our state; and

5 WHEREAS, The bluebonnet, the pecan tree, the Guadalupe bass, 6 and the lightning whelk are examples of some natural specimens that 7 serve to symbolize the great diversity of the Texas landscape, 8 while the state dish, chili, fittingly represents another aspect of 9 our shared culture as Texans; and

10 WHEREAS, In keeping with this custom, the designation of the 11 cast iron Dutch oven as the official State Cooking Implement would 12 provide suitable recognition for this sturdy utensil; and

13 WHEREAS, A welcome and dependable fixture at campfires across 14 the Lone Star State, the Dutch oven was used extensively by Spanish 15 explorers, early settlers, ranchers, and chuckwagon cooks over the 16 course of Texas' history; and

WHEREAS, The Dutch oven has also remained a popular item with a vast number of Texans today, and in January, 1995, the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society was founded to promote its use throughout the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Ideal for use in moist-cooking methods, such as 22 braising and stewing, the Dutch oven's versatility has made it the 23 food preparation implement of choice of both the Boy Scouts of 24 America and the Girl Scouts of America; and

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1 WHEREAS, Renowned for its portability and durability, the 2 cast iron Dutch oven has been a cooking mainstay of Texans from the 3 time of the pioneers to the current day, and it is indeed 4 appropriate that it receive special legislative recognition for its 5 role in our state's history and culture; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas 7 hereby designate the cast iron Dutch oven as the official State 8 Cooking Implement.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 9 was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 9 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor