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S.C.R. No. 31

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For more than a decade, the City of Hico has  
hosted the annual Texas Steak Cookoff, which has become a  
culturally and economically significant regional event; and

WHEREAS, The popular festival has grown from hosting 15 cooks in 2004 to over 100 cooks in 2014; the event in 2014 also included 15 wineries, 70 vendors, and more than 6,500 guests; the massive growth of Hico's Texas Steak Cookoff prompted coverage of the festival by Food Network; and

10 WHEREAS, The Hico Economic Development Corporation manages  
11 the Texas Steak Cookoff; proceeds from the event allow the  
12 corporation to support organizations such as the Hico Civic Club,  
13 which focuses on bettering the quality of life in the Hico  
14 community, and the Memorial Scholarship Foundation, which provides  
15 scholarships to Hico High School graduates; local businesses also  
16 benefit from the festival weekend through a boost in retail sales;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The designation of the City of Hico as the Steak  
19 Capital of Texas would honor the city's efforts in establishing and  
20 annually hosting the Texas Steak Cookoff, a unique festival that  
21 reflects the importance of the beef industry to this state's  
22 economy; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby designate Hico as the official Steak Capital of Texas; and,

1 be it further

2           RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section  
3 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
4 until the 10th anniversary of its designation.

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