

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2           WHEREAS, In recognition of both the direct and indirect  
3 revenues that could be generated for the state by a robust wine  
4 industry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst charged the Senate  
5 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations of the 78th Legislature to  
6 study and make recommendations relating to the development of the  
7 Texas wine industry, assess the impact of state and federal laws on  
8 the shipment and delivery of wine, and make recommendations for  
9 increasing the economic impact of the wine industry in Texas; and

10           WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations  
11 found that Texas has all the elements necessary to be a competitive  
12 force in the national and international wine industries; the Texas  
13 wine industry could prove to be a stellar economic generator for the  
14 state, and with the proper policies in place, the industry is  
15 positioned to boom within the next five to 10 years; and

16           WHEREAS, Although progress has been made through the years,  
17 insufficient funding and budget reductions for new and existing  
18 education, training, and research hinder the development of the  
19 industry; moreover, the lack of a consistent, coordinated, and  
20 centralized effort among industry stakeholders and public policy  
21 makers to develop appropriate programs and policies, to explore,  
22 develop, and access relevant funding streams, and to communicate  
23 concerns and needs to appropriate parties impedes the development  
24 of this industry to its full potential; and

1           WHEREAS, It has been shown by the world's major wine  
2 producing regions that investment in education and research creates  
3 an unparalleled advantage; and

4           WHEREAS, Expansion of the Texas wine industry will require an  
5 influx of professional talent and expertise, particularly in the  
6 specialized fields of wine production and vineyard development; and

7           WHEREAS, Nationwide, only universities in California and  
8 Washington offer four-year undergraduate degree programs in  
9 viticulture or enology; and

10           WHEREAS, Testimony at the October 6, 2004, hearing of the  
11 Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations indicated that  
12 there are individuals and organizations ready, willing, and able to  
13 assist with the development of viticulture and enology education  
14 but that there is no specific undergraduate or graduate degree  
15 program in which to vest their support; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby respectfully encourage Texas A&M University, Texas Tech  
18 University, Grayson County College T. V. Munson Viticulture and  
19 Enology Center, and other Texas institutions of higher education  
20 offering education and research opportunities in viticulture and  
21 enology to collaborate to develop a world-class education and  
22 research program within the State of Texas; and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That the efforts of this collaboration be reported  
24 to the members of the legislature not later than the opening day of  
25 the 80th Legislative Session; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
27 official copy of this resolution to the chairman of the Texas Higher

1 Education Coordinating Board.

David Newkum  
President of the Senate

Jim Cuddeback  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 17 was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2005.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 17 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005.

Robert Harey  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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