

1-1 By: Faircloth H.C.R. No. 122  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 24, 2015;  
 1-4 May 24, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Administration; May 26, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 26, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Hancock	X			
1-9 Uresti	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Eltife			X	
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			
1-14 West	X			

1-16 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-17 WHEREAS, Americans love to eat the humble but tasty shrimp,  
 1-18 and the shrimp caught off the Gulf Coast of Texas is among the most  
 1-19 coveted of the varieties enjoyed by diners across the nation; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Approximately 90 percent of the shrimp consumed by  
 1-21 Americans is imported from foreign tank farms, which makes Gulf  
 1-22 shrimp a special treat; these low-calorie sources of protein can be  
 1-23 served in many ways, either boiled, deep-fried, grilled, or  
 1-24 pan-fried, and they are an excellent source of selenium, iron,  
 1-25 zinc, and vitamins D and B12, as well as omega-3 fats; the average  
 1-26 American eats more than four pounds of shrimp each year; and

1-27 WHEREAS, More than 80 percent of the shrimp harvested in the  
 1-28 United States comes from the Gulf of Mexico, and Texas ranks as one  
 1-29 of the leading producers of wild-caught shrimp, shipping large  
 1-30 quantities of this healthy and sustainable food to restaurants and  
 1-31 grocery stores nationwide; the Texas seafood industry generates  
 1-32 more than \$850 million in sales each year and accounts for over  
 1-33 14,000 jobs, and Gulf shrimping has become a way of life for many  
 1-34 families in such communities as Port Arthur, Galveston, Palacios,  
 1-35 and Port Isabel; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Like barbecue and Tex-Mex, the shrimp caught off the  
 1-37 Gulf Coast of Texas has become one of the signature foods of Lone  
 1-38 Star cuisine and an essential part of the economy and the cultural  
 1-39 heritage of our state; now, therefore, be it

1-40 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
 1-41 hereby designate the Texas Gulf shrimp as the Official State  
 1-42 Crustacean of Texas.

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