

1-1 By: Sparks S.C.R. No. 46
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 4, 2025; April 7, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 April 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0, one present not voting; April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The cattle industry has long been a cornerstone of
1-17 Texas' agricultural economy, contributing billions of dollars
1-18 annually, providing thousands of jobs, and sustaining the state's
1-19 vibrant ranching culture; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Steak products, particularly prime cuts like the
1-21 strip steak, stand as one of the most prominent foods associated
1-22 with Texas, a status that reflects the importance of beef
1-23 production to the state's history and development; and

1-24 WHEREAS, During the late 19th century, rapidly growing urban
1-25 centers in the northern and western United States significantly
1-26 increased the demand for beef, spurring the era of cattle drives;
1-27 Texas ranchers, seeking profitable markets, organized
1-28 long-distance drives to transport cattle to railheads and
1-29 facilitate the shipment of beef to meet the nation's needs; and

1-30 WHEREAS, Today, Texas is the leading producer of beef in the
1-31 United States with over 12.2 million head of cattle, more than
1-32 double the number in the second-ranking state; the beef industry is
1-33 vital to the state's economy, with cattle production accounting for
1-34 a significant portion of agricultural output and bringing in
1-35 millions of dollars in agricultural export revenue each year; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Texas is the birthplace of many iconic culinary
1-37 traditions, including those tied to cattle drives, chuck wagons,
1-38 and steak houses, all of which have cemented steak as an integral
1-39 part of the state's culture and cuisine; the food service industry
1-40 is the largest private employer in the state, providing over 1.46
1-41 million jobs, including many in steak houses and dining
1-42 establishments where high-quality beef remains a central part of
1-43 the menu; and

1-44 WHEREAS, The New York strip steak is named for New York City,
1-45 where it was popularized in local steak houses; however, many of the
1-46 strip steaks enjoyed by diners, both historically and in the
1-47 present day, came from cattle that were raised on the sprawling
1-48 ranches of Texas and should, therefore, be recognized as products
1-49 of the Lone Star State; and

1-50 WHEREAS, The renaming of the New York strip steak to the Texas
1-51 strip steak would be a fitting tribute to the legacy of Texas as the
1-52 nation's beef leader, and it would reflect the importance of steak
1-53 to the state's identity; now, therefore, be it

1-54 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-55 hereby express support for renaming the New York strip steak as the
1-56 Texas strip steak; and, be it further

1-57 RESOLVED, That the Texas strip steak be recognized as a
1-58 symbol of Texas' enduring agricultural heritage, the state's
1-59 economic vitality, and the contributions of the ranchers, farmers,
1-60 and chefs who have shaped the state's iconic food culture; and, be
1-61 it further

2-1 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature encourage all Texans,
2-2 restaurants, chefs, and food service establishments to adopt the
2-3 name Texas strip steak in honor of the state's beef industry and the
2-4 rich culinary history of steak in Texas; and, be it further

2-5 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature recognize the central
2-6 role of the beef industry in driving economic growth, employment,
2-7 and cultural pride in Texas; and, be it further

2-8 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature direct the Texas
2-9 Department of Agriculture to promote the Texas strip steak as part
2-10 of the state's ongoing efforts to support Texas beef and
2-11 agricultural products; and, be it further

2-12 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
2-13 official copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Texas
2-14 Department of Agriculture.

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