

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1112

By: Thornbrugh and Hutchison
of the House

and

Ford of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival as the official host for the Oklahoma State Barbecue Championship; stating festival events; encouraging attendance and participation; wishing chili and barbecue cook-off winners success at certain out-of-state championship contests; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival scheduled on September 9-11, 1994, in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma celebrates its 15-year anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival has grown each year since 1979 with over 65,000 Oklahomans and visitors attending and participating in the festivities in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival offers free and entertaining events which range from arts and crafts, clogging, country dancing, chili and barbecue cook-offs to Bluegrass and Country musical performances that have featured national and international music stars such as Joe Diffie and Alison Krauss from the Grand Ole Opry, Italian master guitarist, Beppe Gambetta, and featuring this year, the Drua Trava Band from the Republic of Czechoslovakia; and

WHEREAS, since 1980 the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival has hosted a Chili Cook-off event, sanctioned by the International Chili Society; and

WHEREAS, the winning Chili Cook-off team that participates in the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival this year will fly to Reno, Nevada to compete in the 1994 International Chili Society's Championship Cook-off which offers a cash prize of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Mid-America Regional Barbecue Cook-off, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, was added to the "sizzling" list of events at the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Barbecue Cook-off winner in the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival this year will receive a guaranteed invitation to the Royal Cook-off to be held in Kansas City, if certain criteria are met and if the festival is proclaimed the designated official host for the Oklahoma State Barbecue Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaim the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival as the official host for the Oklahoma State Barbecue Championship making the winner of the Barbecue Cook-off at the festival eligible to enter the American Royal Cook-off held in Kansas City.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Oklahomans to attend and participate in the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulate and support both the chili and barbecue cook-off winners at the Annual Bluegrass and Chili Festival who will represent the great State of Oklahoma in the International Chili Society World Championship and the Royal Cook-off Championship contests.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to members of the Oklahoma State Legislature, the Chief Executive officials of the Kansas City Barbecue Society, the Chief Executive officials of the International Chili Society, the Chief Executive officials of the City of Tulsa, and to the Chief Executive officials of the Downtown Tulsa Unlimited.

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