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H. CON. RES. 216

Recognizing the wine and winegrape industry of Texas for having an economic impact of \$1,000,000,000 on the economy of Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARTER, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the wine and winegrape industry of Texas for having an economic impact of \$1,000,000,000 on the economy of Texas.

Whereas, since 2000, the wine and winegrape industry of Texas has experienced tremendous growth, with nearly 90 percent of such growth resulting from an increase in the number and revenue of small wineries producing less than 5,000 gallons of wine each year;

Whereas, since 2000, wine production in Texas has grown by 30 percent, making Texas the fifth most productive State in wine production; and

Whereas, in 2005, the wine and winegrape industry of Texas—

(1) included 113 wineries and 220 commercial growers of winegrapes on 2,900 acres;

(2) produced over 626,000 cases of wine;

(3) provided the equivalent of 8,000 full-time jobs and paid over \$234,000,000 in wages to workers;

(4) generated revenue from wineries that produced an economic impact of \$91,500,000 on the economy of Texas;

(5) generated over \$10,000,000 in revenue from vineyards in Texas;

(6) attracted over 868,000 tourists to Texas, who spent over \$220,000,000; and

(7) generated over \$69,000,000 in Federal, State, and local taxes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes the wine and
 3 winegrape industry of Texas for having an economic im-
 4 pact of \$1,000,000,000 on the economy of Texas.

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