Senate Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Senators SMITH DB, NASH, Representative LEVY B; Senator WEBER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: Designates the T-bone as the official state steak. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the State of Oregon has traditionally recognized a variety of official state emblems as tangible representations of the proud spirit and heritage of this state; and

Whereas Oregon has designated an official state nut, state beverage, state fruit, state vegetable and even a state pie, but has yet to designate a state steak to recognize the vital role of beef cattle in Oregon's development; and

Whereas cattle have been raised in Oregon since 1824; and

Whereas cattle and calves were Oregon's second-leading agricultural commodity in 2022, with a total value of production of nearly $800 million; and

Whereas all 36 Oregon counties participate in producing cattle and have cattle within their borders; and

Whereas Oregon's reputation as a national leader in agriculture is well deserved, and beef has contributed greatly to this proud legacy; and

Whereas Oregon ranchers are known for their respect for the land and their efforts to maintain it for long-term cattle production; and

Whereas beef steak is a food that supports an active and healthy lifestyle, and it is a source of such essential nutrients as protein, zinc, B vitamins, iron and riboflavin; and

Whereas the T-bone is a remarkable steak that features two distinct cuts of beef: the strip steak (which packs a bold, beefy flavor and has a hearty texture) and the filet (which is renowned for its exceptional tenderness and mild taste); and

Whereas there's nothing quite like the mouthwatering smell of a T-bone sizzling on a grill, then you get to eat it; and

Whereas an ideal way to enjoy time with family or friends is to share a meal that includes a succulent Oregon T-bone paired with an Oregon baked potato or other local vegetables; and

Whereas embracing the excellent qualities of one steak does not diminish the value of other steaks; and

Whereas due to the deep connection that beef has with the State of Oregon, and due to the unique delectability of the T-bone, it fully deserves the honor of being our state steak; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That the T-bone is the official steak of the State of Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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