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cashew chicken has several recipes, but the Springfield/ David Leung is what comes to mind. Cashew Chicken is a far mor distinct delicacy to reflect our state



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I am for cashew chicken being designated our official state dish. Enactment of this bill would enshrine a new state symbol into our state statutes. I believe cashew chicken rises to the level of character required to be a symbol of Missouri based on both its origins and impact. Springfield style cashew chicken was the creation of David Leong who was a man that fled his home in search of a better life in the United States. This led him to enlist in the US Army to take part in WWII where he helped to storm the beaches of Normandy. After returning from the war, Mr. Leong set out as a cook sharing the flavors of his birthplace. His talent was eventually recognized and he was offered a job in Springfield, MO to master his art. This is where he would subsequently create cashew chicken. Finding success with his creation, Mr. Leong was able to open his own restaurant. He was known for sharing the recipe with local families to help them achieve the American dream by opening their own restaurants where they would serve cashew chicken. While at first glance cashew chicken may appear to be just a simple matter, it is in fact the embodiment of the spirit of creation, tenacity, and community. Traits I believe a symbol of Missouri ought to exemplify. This dish has been known to capture the hearts and stomachs of anyone lucky enough to taste it. Myself included, going as far back as grade school where I was served a variation utilizing chicken nuggets in the school cafeteria. I urge the members of this committee to approve this bill.



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This Person as Creator of this Disk can be properly recognized as a great Missourians with his contribution. But Springfield Cashew Chicken is not Our State's Dish. There are many other Dishes and Foods that have been Created in Missouri. This Bill is very unfair to Missourians and Our State as there NEEDS to be much research and discussion.



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ARE YOU KIDDING! What a waste of legislative time...and not even close to any type dish a normal Missourian would choose.



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Cashew Chicken is delicious. Scott Faughn gave me some, and it was really great. It is not as good as Kansas City barbecue. It is better than Provel "cheese." It is not as good as Ted Drew's custard.