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H.R. No. 1222

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Acclaimed chef Steve McHugh has made a positive
2 impact in San Antonio through his charitable endeavors as well as
3 through his contributions to the culinary scene; and

4 WHEREAS, A five-time James Beard Foundation Award finalist,
5 Mr. McHugh grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin; his mother, a
6 physician, treated patients without regard for their ability to
7 pay, and as he has risen in his career, he has followed the example
8 of generosity set by both his parents; and

9 WHEREAS, In high school, Mr. McHugh worked as a short-order
10 cook; he attended college for a while on a music scholarship but
11 changed direction, graduating from the Culinary Institute of
12 America; for 14 years, he worked in top New Orleans eateries, rising
13 to become executive chef at Restaurant August; he was tapped to
14 launch a new upscale restaurant in San Antonio in 2009 and underwent
15 treatment for non-Hodgkin lymphoma while getting Luke up and
16 running; soon thereafter, he got involved with Light the Night
17 Walk, a major fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; he
18 later joined the board of the organization's South Texas chapter;
19 in addition, he traveled to Bastrop County to cook for families
20 displaced by wildfires; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. McHugh opened his own charcuterie-focused
22 establishment, Cured, in 2013, and created a program to donate
23 funds and volunteer hours to worthy organizations; moreover, as the
24 restaurant gained a national reputation, he used his growing fame

1 to organize the annual "Cured for a Cure" fundraising dinner,
2 featuring prominent chefs from across the region, and the event has
3 raised tens of thousands of dollars for The Leukemia & Lymphoma
4 Society; the Texas chapter of the National Restaurant Association
5 recognized Cured with the Texas Restaurant Neighbor Award for its
6 civic engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, Committed to the vitality of the Alamo City
8 restaurant scene, Mr. McHugh opened a second destination for
9 gastronomes, Landrace, in 2021; it highlights the bounty of South
10 Texas and Hill Country farms; and

11 WHEREAS, While elevating San Antonio's place on the culinary
12 map, Steve McHugh has also benefited the community through his good
13 works, and he has earned the deep admiration and appreciation of his
14 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Steve McHugh for his contributions to San
17 Antonio and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
18 success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. McHugh as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.