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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Acclaimed chef Johnny Hernandez has made vital

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2 contributions to the San Antonio community through his charitable endeavors and his dedication to promoting the culinary vitality of 3 the Alamo City; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Chef Hernandez first rose to prominence with the establishment of his flagship concept, La Gloria, in 2010, though 6 7 he began his career as a chef in 1994, when he opened True Flavors Catering; he has continued to make a name for himself as the founder 8 9 and president of Grupo La Gloria, a portfolio of signature restaurants and culinary projects that include several locations of 10 11 La Gloria as well as The Fruteria y Botanero by chef Johnny 12 Hernandez, Burgerteca, and Tortilleria La Gloria; he has been featured in Texas Monthly, Bon Appétit, and Food & Wine, among other 13 14 publications, and on such popular television shows as Top Chef, Simply Ming, and Beat Bobby Flay; he was also invited to cook at the 15 James Beard House in celebration of San Antonio's tricentennial and 16 to serve as a guest chef for the White House Cinco de Mayo 17 celebration in 2016; and 18 WHEREAS, An integral part of the San Antonio restaurant 19 20 scene, chef Hernandez helped to establish the city's Culinary Task 21 Force in 2015 and to secure San Antonio's designation as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017; he is the founder of Kitchen 22 23 Campus, a nonprofit organization that encourages students to pursue

the culinary arts, and he gives generously of his time and talents

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- 1 in support of the Culinary Institute of America, St. Philip's
- 2 College, and the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of
- 3 Global Hospitality Leadership; moreover, Grupo La Gloria organizes
- 4 an annual Day of the Dead river parade in San Antonio; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In addition to elevating San Antonio's place on the
- 6 culinary map, Johnny Hernandez has benefited the community through
- 7 his varied civic endeavors, and he has earned the admiration and
- 8 appreciation of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby commend Johnny Hernandez for his contributions
- 11 to San Antonio and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
- 12 success; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. Hernandez as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 268 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House