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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Acclaimed chef Johnny Hernandez has made vital
2 contributions to the San Antonio community through his charitable
3 endeavors and his dedication to promoting the culinary vitality of
4 the Alamo City; and

5 WHEREAS, Chef Hernandez first rose to prominence with the
6 establishment of his flagship concept, La Gloria, in 2010, though
7 he began his career as a chef in 1994, when he opened True Flavors
8 Catering; he has continued to make a name for himself as the founder
9 and president of Grupo La Gloria, a portfolio of signature
10 restaurants and culinary projects that include several locations of
11 La Gloria as well as The Fruteria y Botanero by chef Johnny
12 Hernandez, Burgerteca, and Tortilleria La Gloria; he has been
13 featured in *Texas Monthly*, *Bon Appétit*, and *Food & Wine*, among other
14 publications, and on such popular television shows as *Top Chef*,
15 *Simply Ming*, and *Beat Bobby Flay*; he was also invited to cook at the
16 James Beard House in celebration of San Antonio's tricentennial and
17 to serve as a guest chef for the White House Cinco de Mayo
18 celebration in 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, An integral part of the San Antonio restaurant
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
22 Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017; he is the founder of Kitchen
23 Campus, a nonprofit organization that encourages students to pursue
24 the culinary arts, and he gives generously of his time and talents

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.