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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Adán Medrano has distinguished himself as a chef,
2 author, and documentary filmmaker specializing in the indigenous
3 foods of Texas and the Americas; and

4 WHEREAS, During long careers in broadcast journalism and
5 philanthropy, Mr. Medrano traveled widely and developed a deep
6 appreciation for the importance of food traditions to cultural
7 stability and sustainability; that became his focus, and he gained
8 experience as a chef in Houston and Belgium and graduated from the
9 Culinary Institute of America in 2010; he is known for coining the
10 term "Texas Mexican" to describe the cuisine he grew up with in San
11 Antonio, and *The New York Times* featured his cooking in a food
12 section cover story, "Don't Call It Tex-Mex!"; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Medrano has authored two award-winning
14 cookbooks, *Truly Texas Mexican: A Native Culinary Heritage in*
15 *Recipes* and *Don't Count the Tortillas: The Art of Texas Mexican*
16 *Cooking*; published by Texas Tech University Press, they highlight
17 recipes used in many Mexican-Texan-American homes, rather than the
18 Tex-Mex cuisine developed in commercial kitchens; both are now part
19 of The University of Texas at San Antonio's renowned Mexican
20 Cookbook Collection, and UTSA Libraries Special Collections houses
21 his archival papers; and

22 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
23 Mr. Medrano earned his master's degree in radio-television-film;
24 in the 1970s, he founded the trailblazing San Antonio CineFestival,

1 and he has long been active in television, film, and such
2 organizations as the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National
3 Endowment for the Arts, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; he is
4 the executive producer and writer of the 2021 film *Truly Texas*
5 *Mexican*, which won Best Documentary at the New York Independent
6 Cinema Awards; in addition, he has lectured about food and culture
7 in academic settings, including Colorado College, the Culinary
8 Institute of America, and Northeastern University, and showcased
9 his recipes at restaurants and professional gatherings; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his wide-ranging endeavors, Adán Medrano
11 has raised awareness of a rich cultural heritage, delighting and
12 enlightening innumerable people in Texas and beyond; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Adán Medrano for his outstanding
16 contributions as a chef, author, and documentary filmmaker and
17 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
18 further

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