

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tom Perini, owner of Perini's Ranch Steakhouse in
2 Buffalo Gap, Texas, has established himself as a renowned authority
3 on "Cowboy Cooking" across the great state of Texas, throughout the
4 nation, and internationally; and

5 WHEREAS, Perini's Ranch Steakhouse is celebrating its 20th
6 anniversary on Saturday, August 2, 2003, in Buffalo Gap, 12 miles
7 south of Abilene, with a big anniversary party with friends and
8 neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Perini was inspired to become a restaurateur
10 and chuck wagon cook after growing up on the ranch that his late
11 father and mother, Abilene geologist and oilman V. C. Perini and
12 community leader Maxine Perini, purchased early in their marriage;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Tom has served as chef for heads of state--American,
15 Chinese, and Russian--as well as governors, legislators,
16 congressmen, movie stars, and tourists who make their way to
17 Buffalo Gap for his mesquite-grilled steaks, tenderloins, and prime
18 ribs, and especially his award-winning whiskey sauce bread pudding;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Tom and his lovely wife, Lisa, have prepared their
21 delicious, award-winning Texas fare in our country's finest
22 kitchens and for ranch events from Maine to California; and

23 WHEREAS, Tom Perini wrote and published a phenomenally
24 successful cookbook entitled "Texas Country Cooking" in the year

1 2000 that sold 25,000 copies, as well as a secondary printing of
2 10,000 copies that sold out immediately and yet a third printing of
3 15,000 that are almost gone with a fourth printing expected; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Perini, his daughter Caroline Perini--the
5 restaurant manager, his daughter Jessica Perini--a Wylie High
6 School student, and his wife Lisa Perini, who manages the mail order
7 and local catering business of the steakhouse, enjoy the friendship
8 of thousands of good folks across the nation and throughout the
9 world; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives, convened
11 in a special session of the Legislature at this time, hereby
12 congratulate Tom and Lisa Perini and their family and wish them all
13 the best in the years ahead on the occasion of the 20th anniversary
14 of Perini's Ranch Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap, Texas, on Saturday,
15 August 2, 2003; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Tom Perini as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.

Hunter
Keffer of Eastland

H.R. No. 1

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1 was adopted by the House on July 29, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House