

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, December 1, 2003, marked the 30th anniversary of  
2 Casa Olé restaurants and this milestone provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize the chain's founder, Larry Forehand; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Forehand, a Pasadena native, began working in  
5 the restaurant business at the age of 14; a determined young man, he  
6 spent his teen years learning each job function at Monterey House  
7 Mexican Restaurant and soon became manager of the Baytown facility;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, After serving his country with distinction in the  
10 U.S. Army, he returned home and resumed his tenure with Monterey  
11 House; Mr. Forehand eventually earned the position of director of  
12 operations, with 65 restaurants under his direct supervision; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1973, this notable entrepreneur opened the first  
14 Casa Olé restaurant in Pasadena; over the following three decades,  
15 Mr. Forehand turned his venture into a resounding success and today  
16 47 Casa Olé eateries operate in Texas and Louisiana, employing more  
17 than 2,000 associates and serving in excess of 600,000 customers a  
18 month; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Forehand has generously given back to his  
20 community by sponsoring such worthy initiatives as the local  
21 Project Graduation, providing free meals to Habitat for Humanity,  
22 and donating 20,000 free meal cards to the Pasadena Independent  
23 School District; and

24           WHEREAS, Larry Forehand's effective management, attention to

1 detail, and years of hard work, coupled with the delicious meals and  
2 friendly atmosphere of Casa Olé, have made this fine establishment  
3 a mainstay in the Pasadena community and throughout the South; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
6 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Larry Forehand on the 30th  
7 anniversary of Casa Olé restaurants and extend to him sincere best  
8 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Forehand as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Davis of Harris

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 2 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 2 was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor