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H.C.R. No. 2

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.

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