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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Larry Foles and Guy Villavaso have tantalized the
2 taste buds of countless appreciative diners with mouth-watering
3 cuisine at their popular Austin eatery, Eddie V's Edgewater Grille;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The restaurant is a favorite to individuals with a
6 reasoned and seasoned palate whose loyalty springs from a shared
7 recognition that some meals are meant to be savored slowly, with a
8 deliberate and contemplative purpose met admirably in the
9 confluence of atmosphere, food, and service at Eddie V's; and

10 WHEREAS, Established in 2001, the institution was created by
11 longtime business partners and friends, Mr. Foles and Mr.
12 Villavaso, who first met in the 1970s in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
13 sharing southern roots and a penchant for delicious fare, the two
14 joined forces to create the thriving Z'Tejas restaurant group,
15 among other enterprises; and

16 WHEREAS, Eddie V's Edgewater Grille was inspired by its
17 founders' admiration for the great classic seafood eateries of New
18 Orleans, San Francisco, and Boston and is widely regarded as one of
19 Austin's finest seafood restaurants; the menu offers a delectable
20 array of grouper, shrimp, mahi mahi, lobster, oysters, and prime
21 grade steaks, all served under the expert direction of their
22 executive chef and partner John Carver, whose culinary talents have
23 earned him recognition as Atlanta's Chef of the Year and have also
24 garnered the *Austin Chronicle's* Best New Restaurant award; and

1 WHEREAS, The food is consistently superb, cooked with
2 classical verve; recognizing that fine food also requires excellent
3 presentation, the restaurant owners employ an efficient and
4 gracious staff who are committed to providing patrons with the
5 outstanding service they deserve; and

6 WHEREAS, Eddie V's also serves a wide range of beverages; its
7 well-stocked bar and extensive wine and spirits list feature
8 offerings that change weekly and are yet another charming quality
9 of the restaurant designed to enhance an already pleasurable dining
10 experience; and

11 WHEREAS, The Capital City enjoys two bustling locations, one
12 in the heart of downtown at 5th and San Jacinto, which offers diners
13 a swanky dinner club atmosphere and live music, and the second
14 boasting breathtaking views of the Texas Hill Country from the
15 Arboretum; both locations are expertly managed by regional manager
16 Tom Farace, with general manager Geoff Freeman overseeing the 5th
17 Street location and general manager Roger Hernandez supervising the
18 Arboretum location; and

19 WHEREAS, Buoyed by their success in Austin, Mr. Foles and Mr.
20 Villavaso opened a third Eddie V's in Scottsdale, Arizona, in March
21 2002; and

22 WHEREAS, Having elevated seafood dining to new heights, Larry
23 Foles and Guy Villavaso have greatly enhanced the cultural life of
24 their community and state with their outstanding restaurants, and
25 they are indeed deserving of special recognition for their ongoing
26 contributions in this regard; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Larry Foles and Guy
2 Villavaso for their commitment to providing Central Texans with
3 exceptional seafood at Eddie V's Edgewater Grille and extend to
4 them sincere best wishes for many years of continued success; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Foles and Mr. Villavaso as an expression of high
8 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.