

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Norman Brinker of Dallas has
2 marked an ingenious professional path with his entrepreneurial
3 spirit and directed ambition; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Denver, Colorado, in 1931, Mr. Brinker
5 graduated from high school in Roswell, New Mexico, and attended the
6 New Mexico Military Institute before joining the U.S. Navy; he
7 subsequently won a berth on the 1952 U.S. Olympic equestrian team
8 and competed in the 1954 Modern Pentathlon World Championships in
9 Budapest; after his military service, he enrolled in the marketing
10 program at San Diego State University and supported himself by
11 selling cutlery door-to-door and managing a clothing import
12 business; and

13 WHEREAS, After college, Mr. Brinker joined entrepreneur
14 Robert Peterson's company, which founded the Jack in the Box
15 restaurants, and quickly rose through the ranks to become a major
16 partner and leader in the rise of the franchise to national
17 prominence; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1965, this visionary professional identified a
19 vacant niche in the restaurant business between fast-food chains
20 and fine dining establishments, and started Steak & Ale restaurants
21 to offer affordable, quality dining; the restaurants expanded
22 rapidly and eventually merged with the Pillsbury Company; by 1982,
23 Mr. Brinker was president of the Pillsbury Restaurant Group, the
24 second-largest restaurant operation in the world; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Brinker eventually invested in Chili's, Inc.,
2 when the organization only included 28 restaurants, and assumed the
3 role of chairman and CEO; in 1991, Chili's was renamed Brinker
4 International, and today operates five unique dining concepts with
5 a total of 1,500 restaurants in 49 states, the District of Columbia,
6 and 24 countries; the organization's innovator retired in 2000 but
7 still serves as chairman emeritus of this widely successful
8 company; and

9 WHEREAS, A published author and recipient of the Horatio
10 Alger Award, Mr. Brinker has personally mentored many of the
11 restaurant industry's top executives and brightest stars, and he is
12 truly an inspiration to resourceful, budding young business leaders
13 across the globe; his rigorous pursuit of his dreams and his
14 unfaltering dedication to quality dining are certainly worthy of
15 special commendation; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Norman Brinker on his extraordinary
18 professional accomplishments and extend to him sincere best wishes
19 for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 2045

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2045 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House