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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, From its famous purveyors of barbecue to its many
2 fine Mexican and Tex-Mex restaurants, Texas is justly renowned for
3 its distinctive foods and its rich tradition of culinary
4 excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, The state's reputation as the home of the perfectly
6 prepared steak is furthered by Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland,
7 where chef and native Texan Ronnie Killen exhibits his talent and
8 expertise on a nightly basis; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Killen began cooking when he was eight years old
10 and opened his first business, Killen's Kountry BBQ, at the age of
11 23; fulfilling a childhood ambition, he graduated first in his
12 class from Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School in London, following in
13 the footsteps of such noted chefs as Julia Child and Ming Tsai;
14 having cooked at fine resorts, hotels, and restaurants, he made the
15 short list for the position of executive chef at the White House in
16 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, Well known among Houston-area diners and restaurant
18 critics alike for its steak and seafood fare, Killen's Steakhouse
19 has cultivated an enthusiastic following in Pearland and the
20 Houston metropolitan area since its opening in 2003, and Ronnie
21 Killen has proven himself an outstanding addition to a long and
22 storied lineage of great Texas cooks; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Ronnie Killen of Killen's Steakhouse for

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1 his contributions as a talented chef and restaurateur and extend
2 best wishes to him for continued success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Killen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.