

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 832

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Arturo Guerra and Che Guerra and their families on the
3 occasion of the opening of their restaurant in McAllen, The Patio on
4 Guerra; and

5 WHEREAS, The new restaurant is on property that has immense
6 historical significance to the Guerra family and the city of
7 McAllen; it has been in the Guerra families since 1908, when three
8 Guerra brothers, Enrique, Modesto, and Jose, pooled their resources
9 and opened a ranching and mercantile store; the Guerras are among
10 the founding families of McAllen and the original developers of the
11 17th Street entertainment district, La Calle Guerra; and

12 WHEREAS, The building that houses the restaurant has been
13 used as a livery stable, a mercantile, a pharmacy, and a warehouse
14 over the years but had fallen into disrepair; retired state
15 district judge Arturo Guerra, owner of the building, observed the
16 building's poor condition and wanted to save the family's legacy; he
17 had also longed to own a restaurant, so he began extensive
18 renovations on the building in order to open a restaurant there; and

19 WHEREAS, Knowing that his cousin Che shared his feelings
20 regarding the family's heritage, Arturo invited him to partner with
21 him on the historically themed restaurant project; Che, owner of
22 Nuevo Santander Gallery, had experience both in managing a
23 restaurant and in renovation projects preserving the Rio Grande
24 Valley's historical past and its Spanish influence; and

1 WHEREAS, Arturo and Che Guerra opened The Patio on Guerra in
2 October 2008; the upscale restaurant attracts a diverse clientele
3 who can appreciate the historical significance of the building and
4 the Guerra family's rich past while savoring the food from the
5 restaurant's diverse and affordable menu; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Guerra family on their new
8 restaurant and extend to all best wishes for continued success;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Guerra family as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.