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H.R. No. 1589

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family, friends, and many admirers of
2 restaurateur Matt Gayton Martinez, Jr., of Dallas are mourning his
3 death on March 13, 2009, at the age of 63; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Austin, Mr. Martinez was part of a
5 venerable restaurant dynasty; in 1925, his grandfather opened one
6 of the first Tex-Mex restaurants in Austin, and in 1952, his father,
7 Matt Martinez, Sr., opened the Austin landmark Matt's El Rancho;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Matt Martinez, Jr., built on his
10 family's reputation for good food and outstanding customer service
11 in Dallas, where he opened several restaurants, including the
12 popular Matt's Rancho Martinez; he personally approved every recipe
13 in his restaurants, and in 2006, he published a cookbook, *MexTex:
14 Traditional Tex-Mex Taste*, celebrating the cuisine's timeless
15 favorites; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez also introduced such techniques as
17 "early Texas prairie-style cooking" to restaurant diners; he was an
18 avid hunter and fisherman, and catfish, quail, and dove were often
19 served at his upscale restaurant No Place, and he was also known for
20 his famed Bob Armstrong Dip, named after the former Texas land
21 commissioner; and

22 WHEREAS, Generous and outgoing, Matt Martinez took his
23 greatest pleasure in cooking and entertaining, and all who entered
24 his restaurants were instantly made to feel like welcome and valued

1 old friends; he will long be remembered with admiration and
2 affection by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Matt Gayton Martinez,
6 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
7 his wife of 40 years, Estella B. Martinez; to his mother, Janie
8 Martinez; to his children, Jesse G. Martinez, Christine Nicole
9 Lopez and her husband, Jahaziel, Matt Martinez III and his wife,
10 Jenn, Joaquin Miguel Martinez and his wife, Juanette, and Marco
11 Javier Martinez; to his grandchildren, DeAnthony, Christopher,
12 Jordan, Alysia, Micheal, Kameron, Teresa, Tylor, Noah, Jahaziel,
13 Maya, Nicholas, Thomas, Marisol, Alex, Gabriella, Marco, and
14 Izabelle; to his great-grandson, Jayden; to his sisters, Gloria
15 Marie Reyna and her husband, Roy, Cecilia Ann Muela and her husband,
16 Charles, and Cathy Krietz and her husband, Darrell; and to his other
17 family and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Matt
21 Martinez, Jr.