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H.R. No. 2108

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Polo Becerra of Houston is receiving the State Award
2 (Texas) at the inaugural Flavors of Passion Awards in Dallas on July
3 23, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Created by second-generation restaurateur and chef
5 Felipe Gaytan, the Flavors of Passion Awards celebrate Latino
6 culinary culture by recognizing outstanding Latino chefs from
7 across Texas and from around the nation and the world; the awards
8 pay tribute to the authenticity, variety, creativity, and overall
9 excellence of each honoree's contributions to this vital heritage;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Leopoldo "Polo" Becerra started at the Post Oak
12 Grill in Houston as a sous chef in 1990, worked his way up to
13 executive chef, and purchased the restaurant in 2002; more
14 recently, he has opened a new restaurant, Polo's Signature, where
15 he blends New American cooking with Latin and Asian influences; and

16 WHEREAS, The diversity and innovative spirit of Latino
17 cuisine contribute greatly to American culture overall, and Mr.
18 Becerra merits special acclaim for his achievements and for setting
19 an outstanding example for the next generation of Latino chefs;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Polo Becerra for winning the State
23 Award (Texas) at the first Flavors of Passion Awards and extend to
24 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,

1 be it further

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