

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jesse T. Perez of Atlanta, Georgia, is receiving the  
2 National Award at the inaugural Flavors of Passion Awards in Dallas  
3 on July 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, A native of San Antonio, Jesse Perez grew up  
12 watching his mother and grandmother prepare handmade tamales and  
13 tortillas; he earned a degree in cultural and ethnic history at the  
14 University of Michigan and then returned to San Antonio to work at  
15 Francesca's at Sunset, where by 2002, he became chef de cuisine; a  
16 rising star in Southwestern cuisine, he is now executive chef at  
17 Nava in Atlanta; and

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

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Jesse Perez for winning the

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1 National Award at the first Flavors of Passion Awards and extend to  
2 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,  
3 be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2109 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House