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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roberto Santibanez is receiving the Lifetime
2 Achievement Award at the inaugural Flavors of Passion Awards in
3 Dallas 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 Mexico, Roberto Santibanez attended the
12 prestigious Le Cordon Bleu in Paris; after returning to Mexico City
13 to cook for the Foreign Affairs Ministry, he opened several
14 exceptional restaurants, then moved to Austin in 1997 to become
15 executive chef of Fonda San Miguel; he has since been the culinary
16 director of the Rosa Mexicano and Maria Maria restaurants; a member
17 of the Gourmet Institute, he is acclaimed around the world as an
18 ambassador for Mexican cooking; and

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Roberto Santibanez for winning the
2 Lifetime Achievement Award at the first Flavors of Passion Awards
3 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
4 happiness; and, be it further

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