

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 304**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Arturo Guerra and Che Guerra and their families on the occasion of the opening of their restaurant in McAllen, The Patio on Guerra; and

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate the Guerra family on their new restaurant and extend to all best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate