

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Restaurant Association are
2 gathering at the State Capitol on February 22, 2011, and this
3 occasion provides a welcome opportunity to recognize the Brinker
4 International restaurant company for its Texas success story; and

5 WHEREAS, Headquartered in Dallas, the company can trace its
6 origin back to the mid-1970s when the first Chili's Grill & Bar was
7 established at the corner of Greenville Avenue and Meadow Road by
8 entrepreneur Larry Lavine; Chili's was soon attracting long lines
9 around the building and down the block, and within eight years, 25
10 restaurants had been opened in six states; Norman Brinker, already
11 a force in the American restaurant business, joined the company as
12 chairman and CEO in 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, The company changed its name to Brinker
14 International in 1991 to reflect its expansion, and Brinker now
15 owns more than 1,500 restaurants in 31 countries and 2 territories;
16 in addition to Chili's, the corporation's family of restaurant
17 brands includes Maggiano's Little Italy and Romano's Macaroni
18 Grill; Brinker employs more than 100,000 people and serves more
19 than one million diners every day; operations are directed by
20 chairman, president, and CEO Douglas H. Brooks; and

21 WHEREAS, Brinker International has long been a valuable
22 member of the Texas business community, and it is a pleasure to
23 recognize the company and to pay tribute to its many Texas
24 employees; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the officers, board members, and employees
3 of Brinker International on the occasion of Texas Restaurant
4 Association Day at the State Capitol and extend to all sincere best
5 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 548 was adopted by the House on
February 22, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House