

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas chefs and restaurateurs are renowned for the
2 quality and diversity of their offerings, and through several
3 remarkable achievements in 2012, Paul Qui of Austin has secured his
4 reputation as one of the most exciting young chefs in the state and
5 the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, In February 2012, Mr. Qui took the \$125,000 grand
7 prize in season nine of the *Top Chef* television show, and in May he
8 won the prestigious James Beard Foundation Award as Best Chef in the
9 Southwest for his work at the landmark Austin sushi and Japanese
10 restaurant Uchi; that same year, he was recognized as one of the
11 2012 Empire Builders by *Food and Wine* magazine; and

12 WHEREAS, Born in the Philippines, Mr. Qui was first inspired
13 to cook by his grandmother, Lola; he trained in both Japanese and
14 classic French cuisine at Le Cordon Bleu in Austin, and after
15 beginning as an unpaid intern and working his way up to chef de
16 cuisine at Uchi, he became executive chef at Uchi's sister
17 restaurant, Uchiko; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Qui is also celebrated for helping to create one
19 of the signature businesses in Austin's thriving food-trailer
20 scene, East Side King, which features Korean, Japanese, Filipino,
21 and Thai cuisine; at the end of 2012, he and his partner in the
22 business, Moto Utsonomiya, expanded their operation to begin
23 serving food at the Hole in the Wall, a venerable student hangout
24 across from The University of Texas campus; and

1 WHEREAS, Through talent, creativity, and hard work, Paul Qui
2 has proven himself one of the leading practitioners of his craft,
3 earning national recognition for himself and for Austin's dynamic
4 culinary community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby congratulate Paul Qui on his remarkable achievements as a
7 chef and a restaurateur and extend to him sincere best wishes for
8 continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Qui as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives and Senate.

Rodriguez of Travis

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the Senate on April 8, 2013, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor