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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.