

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Johnny Smecca, who has been named the Galvestonian of the Year for 2014; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Smecca is co-owner and managing partner of the Galveston Restaurant Group, a company which operates seven different area restaurants; the company was created after Johnny Smecca established its first restaurant, Mario's Seawall Italian Restaurant; the group first opened Saltwater Grill and now also owns and operates Papa's Pizza, Sky Bar and Sushi, Little Daddy's Gumbo Bar, Nonno Tony's World Kitchen, and The Gumbo Diner; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Galveston Restaurant Group has played a vital role in supporting countless community organizations, institutions, and charitable initiatives, including the Galveston Independent School District, the Galveston Children's Museum, Saint Vincent's House, the Galveston Humane Society, and the Grand Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smecca has been instrumental in the growth and prosperity of the community through his work as a member of the Galveston City Council and through his service with such organizations as the Galveston Historical Foundation, the Galveston Housing Finance Corporation, and the Galveston Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smecca's personal honors include the Sam Walton Business Community Leader Award, the Christie Mitchell Beachcomber Award, and Kiwanian of the Year; he is truly deserving of recognition for his outstanding achievements and his many contributions to his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Johnny Smecca on his selection as Galvestonian of the Year for 2014 and best wishes to him for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

Taylor of Galveston

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 15, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate