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H.R. No. 37

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Casa Morales of Lufkin is celebrating its 45th  
2 anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1972, a longtime dream of Juanita  
4 Aguilar became a reality with the opening of her first restaurant,  
5 Morales Mexican Food, which operated out of a local motel before  
6 moving into its current building on South First Street; the success  
7 of the flagship business led to the establishment of a second  
8 location, in the Redland area, in 1984, at which point Ms. Aguilar  
9 renamed the company Casa Morales; and

10 WHEREAS, The popularity of the Casa Morales storefronts led  
11 to the launch of Casa Morales Gourmet Restaurant Salsa in 2014, and  
12 the product is now carried in stores across East Texas, Nashville,  
13 Tennessee, and Oxford, Mississippi, and has shipped as far away as  
14 Florida, New York, Hawaii, Alaska, and Spain; and

15 WHEREAS, Much of the success of Casa Morales can be  
16 attributed to Ms. Aguilar, who has worked with tireless devotion to  
17 build, maintain, and grow the business, all the while faithfully  
18 serving the Lufkin community and earning the loyalty of her  
19 employees; she is also involved in civic activities through  
20 volunteer work with the Texas Citizenship Education Project, the  
21 National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials,  
22 Latinos of East Texas, and the League of United Latin American  
23 Citizens; her numerous accomplishments have earned her the "Lady of  
24 Distinction" award from her Catholic diocese, as well as three

1 international awards for the Casa Morales brand; and

2 WHEREAS, Casa Morales has become a staple of the Lufkin  
3 community over the past four and a half decades, and it is a  
4 pleasure to recognize Juanita Aguilar and the reputation for  
5 excellence that her business has achieved; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Casa Morales on its 45th  
8 anniversary and extend to Juanita Aguilar, along with the company's  
9 management and employees, sincere best wishes for continued  
10 success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Casa Morales as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.