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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Burnt Bean Co. in Seguin has earned the No. 1
2 ranking on the *Texas Monthly* list of the 50 Best BBQ Joints in Texas
3 for 2025, and the receipt of this prestigious accolade provides a
4 fitting opportunity to recognize the restaurant's founders and
5 pitmasters, Ernest Servantes and David Kirkland; and

6 WHEREAS, Published every four years, the *Texas Monthly*
7 ratings are considered one of the most definitive assessments of
8 the Lone Star State's barbecue establishments; the 2025 list was
9 compiled by the publication's barbecue editor, Daniel Vaughn, in
10 conjunction with a team of 26 taste testers who visited restaurants
11 across Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, A self-trained chef, Ernest Servantes won his first
13 barbecue cook-off in 2009 and rose to national attention with his
14 victory in a 2012 episode of the Food Network show *Chopped Grill*
15 *Masters*; while on the barbecue circuit, Mr. Servantes frequently
16 competed against future Burnt Bean Co. co-owner David Kirkland, and
17 the two pitmasters enjoyed a friendly rivalry before officially
18 teaming up to win cook-offs across the state; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2019, this powerhouse duo launched a pop-up
20 restaurant, which consistently sold out within an hour of opening;
21 despite the pandemic, they took their business to the next level,
22 establishing the brick-and-mortar Burnt Bean Co. in 2020 to wide
23 acclaim; known for its traditional meats, its Mexican-inspired
24 sides, and its rotating brunch menu, the eatery has garnered praise

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1 from *The New York Times* as well as a 2024 Michelin Bib Gourmand
2 Award, and Mr. Servantes and Mr. Kirkland have been honored
3 multiple times as award semifinalists by the James Beard
4 Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, While many distinctive foods are associated with the
6 Lone Star State, barbecue holds a special place in our culinary
7 heritage, and Burnt Bean Co. has truly elevated this iconic fare to
8 new heights; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
10 Called Session, hereby congratulate Ernest Servantes and David
11 Kirkland on the selection of Burnt Bean Co. as the No. 1 restaurant
12 in the *Texas Monthly* 2025 list of the 50 Best BBQ Joints in Texas and
13 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
16 for Mr. Servantes and Mr. Kirkland as an expression of high regard
17 by the Texas Senate.