

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Adán Medrano has distinguished himself as a chef,
2 author, and documentary filmmaker specializing in the indigenous
3 foods of Texas and the Americas; and

4 WHEREAS, During long careers in broadcast journalism and
5 philanthropy, Mr. Medrano traveled widely and developed a deep
6 appreciation for the importance of food traditions to cultural
7 stability and sustainability; that became his focus, and he gained
8 experience as a chef in Houston and Belgium and graduated from the
9 Culinary Institute of America in 2010; he is known for coining the
10 term "Texas Mexican" to describe the cuisine he grew up with in San
11 Antonio, and *The New York Times* featured his cooking in a food
12 section cover story, "Don't Call It Tex-Mex!"; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Medrano has authored two award-winning
14 cookbooks, *Truly Texas Mexican: A Native Culinary Heritage in*
15 *Recipes* and *Don't Count the Tortillas: The Art of Texas Mexican*
16 *Cooking*; published by Texas Tech University Press, they highlight
17 recipes used in many Mexican-Texan-American homes, rather than the
18 Tex-Mex cuisine developed in commercial kitchens; both are now part
19 of The University of Texas at San Antonio's renowned Mexican
20 Cookbook Collection, and UTSA Libraries Special Collections houses
21 his archival papers; and

22 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
23 Mr. Medrano earned his master's degree in radio-television-film;
24 in the 1970s, he founded the trailblazing San Antonio CineFestival,

1 and he has long been active in television, film, and such
2 organizations as the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National
3 Endowment for the Arts, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; he is
4 the executive producer and writer of the 2021 film *Truly Texas*
5 *Mexican*, which won Best Documentary at the New York Independent
6 Cinema Awards; in addition, he has lectured about food and culture
7 in academic settings, including Colorado College, the Culinary
8 Institute of America, and Northeastern University, and showcased
9 his recipes at restaurants and professional gatherings; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his wide-ranging endeavors, Adán Medrano
11 has raised awareness of a rich cultural heritage, delighting and
12 enlightening innumerable people in Texas and beyond; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Adán Medrano for his outstanding
16 contributions as a chef, author, and documentary filmmaker and
17 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Medrano as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.

Morales of Harris

H.R. No. 10

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 10 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House