

Proclamation Congratulating Chef Larry Delgado on “Beating Bobby Flay”

Whereas On July 30, 1975 Larry Delgado was born into the world and welcomed by his parents Mauro and Noelia Delgado and his three sisters, Rosie, Lisa and Belinda; and

Whereas at a young age, Larry developed a passion for cooking by watching his mother prepare meals for the family. With his mother’s guidance over the years, he began his development in the culinary arts; and

Whereas at the age of seventeen, Larry moved to Austin, Texas where he successfully worked his way through the ranks as a chef with hard work and dedication resulting in him becoming a managing partner at Carrabba’s Italian Grill; and

Whereas in 2008, Chef Larry, along with his wife Jessica, returned to the Rio Grande Valley and established their first restaurant together: House. Wine. and Bistro., located in McAllen; and

Whereas because Chef Larry and his wife Jessica had overwhelming success with their debut establishment, the couple opened a second restaurant, SALT-New American Table, in December of 2013; and

Whereas after spending time in Mexico City, Chef Larry was intrigued by the variety of produce, meat, and regional dishes this city had to offer. This experience of taking indigenous dishes to fine-dine status inspired the couple to open their third restaurant, Salome On Main, in 2019, also located in McAllen. As a result, all three restaurants are known as the Delgado Collective brand with a reputation of exquisite dining and culinary diversity in South Texas; and

Whereas throughout his career as an entrepreneur, Chef Larry has won many prestigious awards such as Small Business Persons of the Year 2013; Top 5 Small Business 2013; Latino leaders 2014; RGV Chef of the Year 2014; Outstanding Restaurateur Award; 2018. Chef Larry’s Board and Community contributions consist of the Texas Chefs Association, Texas Restaurant Association, Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation and past chairman of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. Chef Larry also dedicates his time and donates to charitable organizations that are dear to him including The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. and The March of Dimes; and

Whereas Chef Larry’s success, accomplishments and reputation caught the attention of producers of the popular television channel “The Food Network”. He was then invited to compete on the national television show “Beat Bobby Flay” and accepted this challenge. Chef Larry appeared on the “Last Man Grilling” Episode competing against celebrity Chef Bobby Flay, advancing to compete against the Iron Chef. By nights end, Chef Larry prevailed in the competition and earned the right to say he beat Chef Bobby Flay with a signature Carne Asada dish. This is a nearly unparalleled accomplishment in the industry.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby congratulate Chef Larry Delgado for bringing recognition to Hidalgo County through his culinary mastery, his many awards, his commitment to the community and by beating world renowned Chef Bobby Flay. The Court wishes Chef Larry continued support and success in all of his future endeavors.

Approved this 2nd day of November 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk