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House Resolution No. 716



Introduced by the Honorable Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo

A RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CHEF MARGARITA FORÉS FOR HAVING BEEN NAMED ASIA'S BEST FEMALE CHEF 2016 BY ASIA'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS

WHEREAS, Chef Margarita Forés has been named Asia's Best Female Chef, the first time a Filipino is given the award by Asia's 50 Best Restaurants;

WHEREAS, the publication's citation for Forés reads, "the hugely popular chef has impressed local and international diners for her primarily Italian cuisine, despite never undergoing any formal training";

WHEREAS, Forés' exploration of the Italian cuisine began in 1986 with a crash course in cooking and the language;

WHEREAS, Forés, a former certified public accountant thereafter turned her expertise to cooking and brought forth a chain of successful Italian restaurants including Cibo, Lusso, Grace Park and Alta;

WHEREAS, the region's food and beverage industry leaders also noted the Filipina chef's advocating farm-to-table market and helping Filipino farmers by the use of homegrown ingredients in her restaurants;

WHEREAS, William Drew of Asia's 50 Best Restaurants told media, "Margarita Forés is ... a true leader in her country's restaurant sector. Her dedication, culinary skills and pioneering efforts have elevated the dining scene in the Philippines and set a new benchmark for other chefs and restaurateurs to follow";

WHEREAS, Forés will receive the Asia's Best Female Chef 2016 award at the 4th Annual Asia's Best 50 Best Restaurants awards ceremonies to be held on February 29, 2017 in Thailand;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to congratulate Chef Margarita Forés for having been named Asia's Best Female Chef 2016 by Asia's 50 Best Restaurants.

APPROVED,

WINNIE CASTELO