

**No. R-359. House concurrent resolution congratulating Chef Robert Barral on being named the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Chef of the Year.**

(H.C.R.263)

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Robert Barral, a native of Provence, France, is a chef who is committed to the cooking and promotion of cuisine derived from Vermont agricultural products, and

Whereas, he attended culinary school in Montpellier, France, and hotel school in Grenoble, France, and

Whereas, after completion of his French academic training, his professional positions included serving as executive sous-chef of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago, executive chef of the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, and as the corporate chef at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpellier, and

Whereas, in 2004, Robert Barral established Café Provence in Brandon, at which he is both the owner and executive chef, and

Whereas, at Café Provence, Chef Robert Barral offers a tasty and diverse menu, with a consistency which attracts repeat local patronage as well as tourists, and

Whereas, his innovative culinary entrepreneurship also includes hosting Vermont Culinary Retreat Weekends, during which guests tour local farms, from which many of Chef Robert Barral's cooking ingredients are produced, and participate in in-depth cooking classes, and

Whereas, Chef Robert Barral teaches weekly cooking classes at Café Provence's culinary theater and appears regularly on WCAX television to demonstrate cooking techniques, and

Whereas, since 2007, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce has selected a Chef of the Year, who is committed to the use of local foods and maintains connections to local food producers, and

Whereas, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce judged Chef Robert Barral, who along with his business partner, Line Barral, is a winner of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce's President's Award, as an ideal Chef of the Year honoree, and

Whereas, he was presented this award at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's Hospitality Gala in September, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chef Robert Barral on being named the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Chef of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chef Robert Barral at Café Provence in Brandon.