

Resolution Honoring the 35th Anniversary of La Bruquena Restaurant and Owners Roberto Miguel Tañón and Zoraida Rivera Tañón

WHEREAS, La Bruquena restaurant, located in Chicago's Humboldt Park, is the longest-standing Puerto Rican restaurant on Paseo Boricua and has been a beacon of Puerto Rican culture for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, La Bruquena's owner, Roberto Miguel Tañón, born in Caguas, Puerto Rico, on September 29th, 1952, alongside his wife Zoraida Rivera Tañón, arrived in Chicago in August 1987 with a mere \$20 to their name, demonstrating remarkable resilience and determination; and

WHEREAS, upon his arrival, Roberto Tañón held pivotal positions, serving as the Director of loans for Summit Federal Savings Bank and later as a Financial Liaison for loans and investments at Caballeros de San Juan before embarking on the venture of investing in La Bruquena Restaurant on November 8th, 1988; and

WHEREAS, La Bruquena, established in 1965 and under Roberto Tañón's ownership for 35 years, has been a bastion of Puerto Rican culinary traditions, showcasing the richness of folkloric cuisine and serving as a cultural hub within Humboldt Park that has contributed to the success and vitality of Paseo Boricua; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Tañón has been an unwavering pillar of the community, supporting local little league teams, adult fast-pitch softball, artists, musicians, and various community residents, while generously contributing to local community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Tañón's commitment extends beyond business success, as he actively imparts inspiration and guidance to aspiring entrepreneurs, sharing insights to help cultivate and nurture the next generation of successful Puerto Rican-owned enterprises;

WHEREAS, La Bruquena and its owners have served as an enduring source of pride and inspiration to Chicago's Puerto Rican community, exemplifying the values of hard work, quality service, and perseverance in the face of adversity;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby officially honor the 35th anniversary of La Bruquena and extend heartfelt appreciation to Roberto Miguel Tañón and Zoraida Rivera Tañón for their enduring dedication to preserving Puerto Rican culture and supporting the Humboldt Park community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Roberto Miguel Tañón and Zoraida Rivera Tañón as a symbol of the city's deep gratitude for their invaluable contributions.



Jessie Fuentes,
Aldersperson, 26th Ward