

BY ALD. PEREZ

Resolution congratulating Citali Mendieta-Ramos on her selection as the 2013 Restaurateur of the Year by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.

WHEREAS,

CITALI MENDIETA-RAMOS

was selected as 2013 Restaurateur of the Year by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc., and she was honored during LEN's Entrepreneurial Celebration Exit Awards on December 7, 2013 at the Oak Creek Community Center; and

WHEREAS, *Citali Mendieta-Ramos was selected for the honor after demonstrating a firm commitment and passion in assisting entrepreneurs, her community and her employees; and*

WHEREAS, *The owner and catering director of Antigua Latin Restaurant, Citali Mendieta-Ramos grew up in a household where both of her parents were chefs, she possesses a degree in Information Resources, a Master's in Business Administration and a certification as a Servsafe instructor, and she is currently working on a certification as a professional catering executive from the National Association of Catering and Events; and*

WHEREAS, *Citali Mendieta-Ramos exemplifies LEN's mission statement, which is to connect individuals, entrepreneurs and microenterprises with resources through strategic alliance formation, networking and the sharing of business and financial practices, and all members take a pledge to uphold the organization's values of acting with integrity, maintaining high ethics, sharing knowledge, investing in the community and fostering professionalism; and*

WHEREAS, *Founded in 2005, LEN has grown to 300 members and has served 600 people in the Milwaukee area, and Citali Mendieta-Ramos's contributions to the organization and the community have benefitted both; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Citali Mendieta-Ramos on being selected as the 2013 Corporate Champion of the Year, commends her for her achievements and accomplishments and wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Citali Mendieta-Ramos.*

Introduced by Common Council member José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 17, 2013.