

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 13-336

Resolution Congratulating *Tony Tollner* on the)
celebration of the 30th Anniversary of *Rio Grill*...)

WHEREAS, a Carmel institution since 1983, *Rio Grill* has enjoyed a long and storied history; and

WHEREAS, 30 years ago *Rio Grill* was part of the Real Restaurants organization, affiliated with such world class restaurants as Mustard's Grill, Tra Vigne in Napa Valley, and Fog City Diner in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Real Restaurants group, *Rio Grill* staked its claim as one of the region's most popular choices catering to a loyal clientele while also satisfying tourists visiting the Monterey Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, as *Rio Grill's* reputation grew, the partners of the Real Restaurant Group decided to part ways and *Rio Grill* continued to thrive under the ownership of Bill Cox and Tony Tollner; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of managing partner Tony Tollner, *Rio Grill* has continued to evolve and thrive with multiple expansions and renovations throughout the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, *Rio Grill* has won numerous awards for their outstanding attention to details and creative South-Western menu; and

WHEREAS, *Rio Grill* was recognized in 2012 by Union Bank in the hospitality category in their "Salute to Small Business" and by the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce with a Business Excellence Award in the hospitality category; and

WHEREAS, in addition to donating numerous gift certificates to local non-profits, *Rio Grill* hosts a number of fundraisers each year to benefit local non-profits, including the Food Bank for Monterey County, Dorothy's Place, Animal Friends Rescue Project and many more; and

WHEREAS, *Rio Grill's* signature fundraiser, Rio Grill's Resolution Run held annually New Year's Day, has raised over \$500,000 in its 24 year history; and

WHEREAS, *Rio Grill's* Resolution Run beneficiaries have included Family Service Agency, Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Monterey County, Community Partnership for Youth and Natividad Medical Foundation; and

WHEREAS, for a restaurant to thrive after 30 years is a remarkable achievement. Managing partner Tony Tollner, General Manager Joe Valenci, Executive Chef Cy Yontz and the rest of the outstanding *Rio Grill* staff continue to build on a standard of excellence in service, food and community building that they are known for.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates *Rio Grill* on the celebration of their 30th Anniversary and wishes them continued success, peace, and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of November, 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Salinas, seconded by Supervisor Parker, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77 for the meeting on November 5th 2013.

Dated: November 6, 2013
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Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of
California.

By Arlene Boyd
, Deputy