



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 250817

Honoring the life and legacy of Manny, Vivian and the Lopez family for their outstanding service and contributions to the Kansas City community.

WHEREAS, Manny Lopez was born on July 3, 1938, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Joseph and Lucy (Garcia) Lopez, and throughout his life embodied the values of dedication, hospitality, and love for his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez developed his passion for the restaurant industry at an early age, working alongside his father at the historic Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City, and later refining his skills at Reagan's Riverboat, where he earned bartending awards and built lasting relationships with those he served; and

WHEREAS, with the partnership of his beloved wife, Vivian, and support from their family, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez founded Manny's Restaurant at 20th and Southwest Boulevard—an establishment that has served the Kansas City community with excellence and heart for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Manny's Restaurant became more than just a place to dine, it became a welcoming and inclusive gathering place, where neighbors, families, and friends from all walks of life came together to share food, fellowship, and community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's legacy of generosity, service, and resilience was evident in their unwavering support for local causes, charitable initiatives, and those in need, offering meals, comfort, and leadership during times of crisis and celebration alike; and

WHEREAS, Manny Lopez's life was a testament to hard work, entrepreneurial spirit, and deep devotion to family, and the foundation he built continued by Vivian and their family to this day, positively impact the Kansas City restaurant community and the many lives touched through their kindness and service; NOW, THEREFORE,

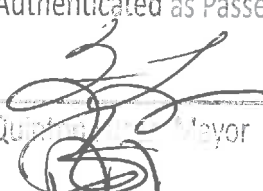
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby honor and remember Manny, Vivian and the Lopez family for their extraordinary service to the Kansas City community, their achievements as pioneering restaurateurs, and their legacy devoted to family, neighbor, and friend; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy be presented to their son, David Lopez, as a lasting tribute to Manny's life and his wife Vivian, and families, service, and enduring contributions to the people and spirit of Kansas City.



Authenticated as Passed


Quinton, Mayor

Manny, City Clerk

Date SEP 18 2025