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**Yvette Martinez Named General Manager of the Year;
Promoted to District Manager by Souper Salad, Inc.**

Houston, TX, April 19, 2010 – Souper Salad, Inc. has recognized Yvette Martinez as *General Manager of the Year* and promoted her to District Manager responsible for 11 Souper Salad stores in the Houston area.

Martinez began her career at Souper Salad as a cashier in 1999 at age 18. She had intended to work part-time, complete her degree at the University of Houston and then pursue law. Instead, she was rapidly promoted to shift supervisor, assistant supervisor and then General Manager of the Pasadena store. By age 21, Martinez had purchased her own home and since then has neared completion of her college degree.

According to Martinez, “You can’t become a good manager without a great crew. Souper Salad has given me the people, the training and the tools to succeed.” As District Manager, Martinez believes being a good role model is a serious responsibility. “You need to show your crew that there isn’t anything you wouldn’t also do yourself. Be humble, work hard and help the people around you to succeed if you want to lead.”

“Yvette Martinez is a great example of a young, entrepreneurial business leader who is passionate about Souper Salad and the people who work in her region,” says Souper Salad President and CEO Tim Taft. “Her spirit of teamwork and her ability to develop people to their fullest potential are two reasons she was honored as *General Manager of the Year*.”

About Souper Salad, Inc.

Founded in 1978, San Antonio-based Souper Salad, Inc. operates two successful restaurant concepts under the Souper Salad and Grandy’s brands. The company currently operates 149 locations in 17 states, including 79 company-owned stores and 70 franchise-owned and operated stores under its Souper Brands system. Over the past 32 years, Souper Salad has established a reputation across the Southwest for fresh salads, handcrafted soups, a variety of bakery items and hot entrée options. Grandy’s has served up fresh, home-style meals in a quick service restaurant environment for the past 38 years. For more information, visit www.souper salad.com or www.grandy.com.

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Additional Notes for the Houston Business Journal

- Yvette Martinez is one of the youngest female District Managers at Souper Salad.

- She was a regular customer at the Pasadena store when the General Manager asked her if she would like to work there.
- She has completed 124 credit hours at the University of Houston towards her degree.
- Her current stores include four Souper Salad locations in Houston: River Oaks, Westheimer, Beechnut and 290, as well as stores in Pasadena, Sugarland, Katy, Humble, Highway 6 and Bryan College Station.