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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON CHICAGO'S 2019 JAMES BEARD AWARDS
SEMIFINALISTS**

“Congratulations to all of the talented and creative Chicago chefs, bakers, servers and entrepreneurs nominated for the 2019 James Beard Awards. Chicago’s culinary scene blends the flavors and cultures of our city and represents the imagination and ingenuity of Chicago residents. Brown Sugar Bakery owner Stephanie Hart, who received a grant to expand her business from the City’s Neighborhood Opportunity Fund, is among the 25 semifinalists making Chicago proud. Chicago is truly America’s culinary capital, and we look forward to rooting for all of our city’s chefs and restaurants when the food industry’s highest honors are awarded in Chicago this May.”