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We hope that you enjoy this Commemorative Edition of CATALONIA which includes articles from our world renown staff writers, experts in their respective fields within the literary, music, culinary arts, history, sports and leisure.

In this issue you will also find a special tribute to those Catalans who have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions, while living abroad, to promote Catalonia’s singular and vibrant culture.

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