

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Chef Niema DiGrazia for her outstanding culinary achievements and recognizes her recent victory on the Food Network's Beat Bobby Flay

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Chef Niema DiGrazia for her outstanding culinary achievements and to
3 recognize her victory on the Food Network's "Beat Bobby Flay".

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana recognizes individuals who contribute to the cultural, culinary, and
6 entrepreneurial excellence of our state; and

7 WHEREAS, Chef Niema DiGrazia, a proud native of Sierra Leone, has built a career
8 rooted in authenticity, resilience, and cultural fusion, blending West African culinary
9 traditions with Southern soul to craft bold, heartfelt dishes; and

10 WHEREAS, Chef DiGrazia's culinary journey has taken her from humble beginnings
11 to operating her iconic blue food truck, showcasing flavors at local farmers markets, serving
12 as a chef at Abby Singer's Bistro in Shreveport, Louisiana, and ultimately stepping onto the
13 national stage to win the Food Network's "Beat Bobby Flay"; and

14 WHEREAS, Chef DiGrazia is the founder and visionary behind RNL Authentics, a
15 culinary brand that represents "Real, Natural, and Love"; it is a motto that reflects her
16 commitment to fresh ingredients, genuine hospitality, and meaningful cultural expression;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, outside the kitchen, Chef DiGrazia is known for uplifting her
19 community through storytelling, mentorship, and sharing meals that nourish both body and
20 soul; and

1 WHEREAS, Chef DiGrazia has garnered local fame for signature creations such as
2 her renowned oxtails and grits, and she always serves her dishes with a warm smile, a hearty
3 laugh, and a generous spirit; and

4 WHEREAS, the journey of Niema DiGrazia is a powerful example of perseverance,
5 passion, and purpose that can inspire entrepreneurs, chefs, and cultural ambassadors
6 throughout Louisiana and beyond.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Chef Niema DiGrazia for her exceptional
9 achievements in the culinary arts; does hereby congratulate her on winning a national
10 competition on "Beat Bobby Flay"; and does hereby recognize her as a cultural ambassador
11 for Louisiana.

DIGEST

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