

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES