

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH AND SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB AND BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Chicken Shack management and personnel upon the celebration of eighty years of continuous operation.

WHEREAS, the original Chicken Shack was founded in 1935 in the front of the home of its owner, Thomas H. Delpit, and the back of the small shotgun house was the family's living quarters; and

WHEREAS, current Chicken Shack owner, Joseph Delpit, was born in the family living portion of the building but likes to joke that he was born on Chicken Shack's kitchen floor; and

WHEREAS, Chicken Shack holds the distinction of being the oldest continually operating restaurant in Baton Rouge and has provided sustenance to such notable celebrities as James Brown, Sam Cooke, Ike and Tina Turner, Buddy Guy, and Percy Sledge; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Chicken Shack played a role in the civil rights movement by serving as a meeting place for the organizers of the Baton Rouge bus boycott; in addition, Martin Luther King, III, a Mississippi Indian chief, and an African king have patronized the establishment, and it is appropriate to recognize the business and civic contributions made to the Baton Rouge Community in the eighty years of business of Chicken Shack.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the management team of Chicken Shack for perpetuating the historical icon across eighty years of continuous operation and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success and prosperity in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joseph Delpit.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE