2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Gerard "Jerry" Christopher Amato, chef and co-owner of Mother's Restaurant in New Orleans

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Gerard "Jerry" Christopher
3	Amato, chef and co-owner of Mother's Restaurant in New Orleans.
4	WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana learned of the passing of Jerry Amato on March 12, 2016, at the age
6	of sixty-five as a result of cancer; and
7	WHEREAS, Jerry Amato, a New Orleans native and chef and co-owner of the
8	nationally known Mother's Restaurant, began his career in the hospitality industry as a
9	restaurant valet when he was a freshman at St. Paul's School; and
10	WHEREAS, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi to study business
11	and was later certified as a chef through the culinary arts program at Delgado Community
12	College; and
13	WHEREAS, in 1986, he and his brother, John, purchased Mother's Restaurant from
14	the founders', Simon and Mary "Mother" Landry's, sons, Jacque and Eddie; and
15	WHEREAS, patrons of Mother's Restaurant range from dock workers to
16	professionals; and
17	WHEREAS, eighty percent of the staff at Mother's Restaurant have at least five years
18	of employment and fifty percent of the back-of-the-house staff have at least seventeen years
19	of service to the establishment; and

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1	WHEREAS, diners near and far love the made from scratch quality of the food from
2	Mother's Restaurant, particularly the homemade biscuits, gumbo, jambalaya, and the unique
3	sandwiches such as the John G. and the Ferdi; and
4	WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Amato was named Restaurateur of the Year by the
5	Louisiana Restaurant Association, the association's highest honor; and
6	WHEREAS, in 2012, the Bread for the World, New Orleans Chapter, awarded him
7	the Lindy Boggs Hunger Awareness Award; and
8	WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Brenda Maher Amato; his sisters, Judge
9	Nancy Amato Konrad and Lydia Delores Amato; his brothers, John and James Amato; and
10	WHEREAS, those who knew Jerry Amato would say he resisted fads and trends and
11	remained true to the traditions that made New Orleans' home cooking exactly what it is,
12	unpretentious home cooking.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Gerard "Jerry" Christopher
15	Amato, chef and co-owner of Mother's Restaurant in New Orleans; does hereby recognize
16	and record for posterity his outstanding achievements and singular contributions in the
17	culinary field and in life; and does hereby extend true appreciation for his enduring legacy
18	that will forever be a source of deep pride and honor for his family, his friends, the staff and
19	patrons of Mother's Restaurant, the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21	to the family Gerard "Jerry" Christopher Amato.

DIGEST

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