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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 612

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JACKSON
2 SOUL FOOD RESTAURANT "BULLY'S" FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S
3 CLASSIC RESTAURANTS BY THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION.

4 WHEREAS, the James Beard Foundation Awards are annual awards
5 presented by the James Beard Foundation for excellence in cuisine,
6 culinary writing, and culinary education in the United States.
7 The awards were established in 1990 and are often called "The
8 Oscars of Food." Held on the first weekend in May, the awards
9 honor the finest chefs, restaurants, wine professionals,
10 journalists, cookbook authors, restaurant designers, and other
11 food professionals in the United States. The awards are voted on
12 by more than 600 culinary professionals. Recipients receive a
13 bronze medallion etched with the image of James Beard and a
14 certificate from the foundation. The foundation also administers
15 the Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America Awards; and
16 WHEREAS, Jackson soul food restaurant Bully's has been named
17 one of the 2016 America's Classics Award Honorees by the James
18 Beard Foundation; and



19 WHEREAS, Bully's owner Tyrone Bully, with his father, both
20 brick masons, built the 3118 Livingston Road restaurant. Its
21 brick walls and brick floors bear a legacy of authenticity. "I
22 couldn't think of anybody else who deserves it more," said Greta
23 Brown Bully, his wife since 1994 and co-owner of the family-based
24 business. "I'm very proud of my husband because he works very
25 hard and has a passion for cooking." There's nothing else that he
26 would rather do in life than to cook. The homey, intimate
27 restaurant can seat 65 and is usually packed. Bright floral
28 tablecloths and framed pictures of the Reverend Martin Luther King
29 and Medgar Evers are part of the decor. Bully's started as a
30 snack shop that sold cold cut sandwiches to factory workers in the
31 area. The late Pearl Barnes, who lived around the corner, was
32 hired as his first cook. For the most part, those original
33 recipes remain in action. Tyrone said fresh greens and vegetables
34 and fresh meats are the draw, with all the meats cut in-house.
35 Beef tips and rice, oxtails, ribs and meatloaf are among the
36 favorites; and

37 WHEREAS, awards are handed out at the James Beard Awards
38 Gala, May 2, 2016, at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the family
39 is very excited about the gala, and getting to visit family.
40 America's Classics Award recognizes restaurants with a timeless
41 appeal that are cherished for quality food and reflect the
42 character of their communities. Five winners for 2016 join the
43 ranks of nearly 100 restaurants that have been so honored since



44 the category's 1998 introduction; and it is with great pride that
45 we recognize an iconic Mississippi restaurant which has brought
46 honor to its owners and patrons and to the State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate Jackson soul food restaurant
50 "Bully's" for being named one of America's Classic Restaurants by
51 the James Beard Foundation, and extend our best wishes to Tyrone
52 and Greta Brown Bully on this auspicious occasion.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Tyrone and Greta Brown Bully, forwarded to the James Beard
55 Foundation, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

