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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE STELLAR CAREER
2 AND CULINARY SUCCESS OF MISSISSIPPI CHEF EXTRAORDINAIRE NICK
3 WALLACE.

4 WHEREAS, gifted, talented, and inspired by nature, are just a
5 few adjectives used to describe Mississippi's resident chef and
6 master culinary artiste, Chef Nick Wallace, whose modern
7 Mississippi cuisine highlights his mission to remain focused on
8 the beauty of food; and

9 WHEREAS, voted *Jackson Free Press* Best of Jackson 2020: Best
10 Chef, featured on the list of "Best Chefs America" in 2013 and
11 2017, Nick has appeared in the pages of *Southern Living* and on
12 "Comfort Nation" Season 2, was honored to be Mississippi's first
13 Food Network's "Chopped" Champion, Alton's Challenge and featured
14 on Food Network's Cut Throat Kitchen; and

15 WHEREAS, born and raised in Edwards, Mississippi, Wallace
16 possesses the creativity, innovation, and drive to deliver
17 exceptional cuisine of the highest quality, redefining the
18 Southern food experience by blending his family-farm origins with



19 sophisticated French techniques to create exceptional dining
20 experiences, and crediting his grandmothers, Queen Morris and
21 Lennel Donald, for nurturing his innate talent for culinary arts
22 perfection; and

23 WHEREAS, with a desire to take on any challenge the culinary
24 world has to offer, Wallace's drive to deliver exceptional cuisine
25 of the highest quality reflects his culinary philosophy and
26 passion, which trend towards a healthier lifestyle by working with
27 local farmers to create unique farm-to-table dining experiences
28 that are exceptionally pleasing to the palate; and

29 WHEREAS, having served as chef for some of the largest and
30 most prominent museums and hotels in the State of Mississippi,
31 including the Mississippi Museum of Art, Marriott, and the
32 historic King Edward Hotel, Chef Wallace, through these positions,
33 has been able to hone his leadership skills and push the limits
34 for continuous and flourishing innovation; and

35 WHEREAS, currently Founder and Executive Chef of Nick Wallace
36 Culinary, Nick Wallace Catering and Creativity Kitchen, Chef
37 Wallace has moved his culinary talent and innovative methods into
38 Jackson Public Schools through his nonprofit organization,
39 Creativity Kitchen, enabling him to work closely with the chefs in
40 the Jackson Public Schools to provide better tasting and healthier
41 food for scholars; and

42 WHEREAS, in November 2019, Creativity Kitchen partnered with
43 Whole Foods 5% Community Giving Program and put the money back



44 into the community by donating a certain percentage of it to one
45 of the local elementary schools; and

46 WHEREAS, a five-time presenter for the James Beard
47 Foundation, Nick's "Southern Hospitality" dinners hosted in New
48 York demonstrate the expanse of his culinary knowledge of flavor
49 and technique, which can be experienced in three restaurants in
50 Natchez, Mississippi, and through Crooked Coffee retail branded
51 coffee; and

52 WHEREAS, having participated in Flavored Nation's 2019 50
53 States - 50 Chefs in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Nick is a rare talent
54 of exceptional caliber, whose gift can soon be witnessed on a
55 Canadian food television show slated to air in 2020; and

56 WHEREAS, Chef Wallace, who has also formed a partnership with
57 Mississippi's own first female Iron Chef Cat Cora, continues to
58 perform community outreach, by forging partnerships with such
59 organizations as: the American Cancer Society, which recognized
60 him as one of the 2019 Real Men Wear Pink; Share the Gulf, which
61 named him cochair; and the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi;
62 and

63 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
64 recognize and commend excellence when demonstrated through the
65 remarkable talent of Mississippi's native sons and daughters,
66 especially those of Chef Wallace's caliber, whose mastery of his
67 craft has bestowed renowned national acclaim upon himself and the
68 State of Mississippi:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
71 commend and congratulate the stellar career and culinary success
72 of Mississippi chef extraordinaire Nick Wallace, and extend best
73 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
75 furnished to Chef Nick Wallace and to the members of the Capitol
76 Press Corps.

