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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER AND CULINARY
2 SUCCESS OF MISSISSIPPI CHEF EXTRAORDINAIRE NICK WALLACE.

3 WHEREAS, Chef Nick Wallace's modern Mississippi cuisine
4 highlights his mission to remain focused on the beauty of food.
5 Gifted, talented and inspired by nature are just a few adjectives
6 used to describe Mississippi's resident Chef and Master Culinary
7 Artiste; and

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

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



19 experiences, and crediting his grandmothers, Queen Morris and
20 Lennel Donald, for nurturing his innate talent for culinary arts
21 perfection; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend the remarkable talent of Chef Wallace, whose mastery of his craft has bestowed renowned national acclaim upon himself, his community and the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the career and culinary



68 success of Mississippi chef extraordinaire Nick Wallace, and
69 extend best wishes for continued success in all his future
70 endeavors.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
72 Chef Nick Wallace and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

