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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 170

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Commending Second Street restaurant.

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WHEREAS, in 2015, Second Street restaurant in Williamsburg celebrated 30 years of serving fine food and beverages to diners in a relaxed and casual setting; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Chohany and John Chohany opened Second Street in 1985; for the first 22 years, the brothers operated the restaurant as a neighborhood sports bar, but in 2007, the men renovated the popular gathering spot and converted it into an American bistro; and

WHEREAS, Second Street has become a dining destination for people in the area and beyond with its upscale casual dining atmosphere and an extensive menu; the restaurant has received local and national recognition for its cuisine; and

WHEREAS, when Mickey and John Chohany bought Second Street in 1985, they brought complementary strengths to the business; John Chohany focused on in-house operations, and Mickey Chohany, with a naturally outgoing personality, worked with customers and was responsible for other public elements of the business; and

WHEREAS, in the first few years, the Chohany brothers' father helped the men run Second Street and provided support and advice; he was especially adept with the financial aspects of restaurant operations, and by working as a team, the company survived and thrived; and

WHEREAS, in the last three decades, Mickey and John Chohany have expanded their business to include an additional Second Street restaurant in Newport News; the company provides food service at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center, and the brothers market and sell wine from their winery, "Aratas," throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Second Street restaurant in Williamsburg on the occasion of its 30th anniversary in 2015; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mickey Chohany and John Chohany, owners of Second Street restaurant, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for being a successful small business in the Commonwealth.

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