

## 2016 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 170

*Commending Second Street restaurant.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2016  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 4, 2016

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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