

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Commending Dixie Restaurant.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, Dixie Restaurant, a beloved Southern-style diner in Petersburg, has opened its doors to customers for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, established in 1920 along Sycamore Street in Old Towne Petersburg, the restaurant moved once before settling in 1939 down the block from its original location, where it has remained for the past 80 years; and

WHEREAS, although the name of Dixie Restaurant has changed over time, serving variously as Dixie Lunch, Dixie Quick Lunch, and Dixie Diner, the restaurant has always provided reliable and delicious down-home country cooking; and

WHEREAS, Louis Plakas, owner of the establishment from 1947 to 1970, created the much celebrated "Dixie Dog," a red hot dog smothered in house-made chili, mustard, and onions that has whetted appetites and filled bellies for over a half-century; and

WHEREAS, along with its irresistible menu items, Dixie Restaurant has charmed patrons over the years with its well-worn decor, a testament to the decades of community life that have transpired between its walls; and

WHEREAS, over countless meals, cups of coffee, and glasses of sweet tea, Dixie Restaurant has become a home away from home for several generations of Petersburg residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dixie Restaurant, a cherished dining establishment in Petersburg, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charlie and Frannie Rawlings, owners of Dixie Restaurant, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for their continued success.

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