

2021 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 307

Commending Pete's Pizza.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2021
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Pete's Pizza, one of the oldest Greek and Italian restaurants in Culpeper, has served delicious meals and helped build a strong sense of community in the area for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Pete's Pizza was founded by Pete and Eleni Katrakilis, who immigrated to the United States from Lemnos, Greece; the couple settled in Georgetown, where Pete worked at the restaurant Ikaros and learned to make authentic New York-Style pizza; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Pete Katrakilis was driving to Charlottesville hoping to open a pizzeria near the University of Virginia when he stopped for gas in Culpeper; after noticing a shopping center that was under construction and realizing that there were few pizza options in the area, he changed his plans, and Pete's Pizza opened in Culpeper Town Square the following year; and

WHEREAS, while Pete's Pizza offers made-to-order pasta dishes, gyros, barbecue, and specialty sandwiches, the heart of the menu is its hand-tossed, brick oven pizza that has delighted generations of Culpeper residents; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Pete's Pizza also became a beloved community gathering place with many loyal regular customers, some of whom even enjoy lunch or dinner at the restaurant multiple times a week; and

WHEREAS, Pete and Eleni Katrakilis have imparted their work ethic and commitment to excellence to their children, Steven and Georgia, who have been involved with the family business since they were young; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Pete's Pizza, a Culpeper institution, on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pete's Pizza as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the restaurant's years of contributions to the Culpeper community.

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