

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 384

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Norma Frances "Tootsie" Tomanetz, the renowned pitmaster of Snow's BBQ in Lexington, Texas, for her recent induction into the Barbecue Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Tootsie Tomanetz began developing her skills with the barbecue pit in 1967 at the City Meat Market in Giddings, Texas, and she went on to serve as the pitmaster at the City Meat Market in nearby Lexington for 20 years; she established a local tradition of selling barbecue on Saturdays, which is when the regional cattle auction brought farmers and ranchers to town, and since 2003, she has continued that tradition at Snow's BBQ, a little red shack known for big Texas flavor and owned by Kerry Bexley; and

**WHEREAS**, Tootsie has been serving a devoted following of locals for more than half a century, and she gained a statewide fan base in 2008, when *Texas Monthly* deemed her savory cuts of beef, pork, and chicken as "the best barbecue in Texas"; that same year, the *New York Times* honored her smoked meats as "the best Texas BBQ in the world"; and

**WHEREAS**, Now in her mid-80s, Tootsie continues to arrive at Snow's in the early hours on Saturday mornings; her most ambitious admirers also get an early start on the day, hoping to be first in a long line of customers that begins forming several hours before the doors open at 8 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Tootsie Tomanetz was a 2018 semifinalist for one of the coveted James Beard Awards; the celebrated and beloved pitmaster has distinguished herself among the best cooks in the nation, and she is indeed deserving of her many accolades; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend Tootsie Tomanetz for leading a proud Texas tradition in world-class barbecue and extend to her congratulations on her induction into the Barbecue Hall of Fame; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate