H.R. No. 1874

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated restaurants add to the diversity and flavor of Texas communities, and for more than three decades, Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries has been a popular destination for soul food lovers in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, The restaurant's founders, William and Addie Garner, met and married in San Antonio in the 1980s; Mrs. Garner suggested they start a restaurant, and in July 1990, they opened Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking; at the start, the couple prepared all the fare themselves; Mr. Garner's recipes for the main dishes paid tribute to the Southern-style cuisine he grew up with in Alabama, while Mrs. Garner specialized in creating her popular pastries; the restaurant quickly became a citywide institution, with a menu that includes a wide range of soul food favorites; and

WHEREAS, The Garners themselves were part of the restaurant's attraction, with Mrs. Garner often dropping by each table to greet customers, and Mr. Garner handing out candy to children at the cash register; over the years, the establishment has won multiple Readers' Choice awards from the *San Antonio Express-News*, and it has been featured on local news broadcasts, as well as in national publications such as *USA Today* and *Business Journal*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garner passed away in 2017, and Mr. Garner died in March 2021, but the tradition of warm hospitality and comfort food they initiated remains as strong as ever as the restaurant continues to be a welcoming destination for its customers; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries has become a mainstay within the San Antonio community, and its longevity is a testament to the exemplary service and dedication of the restaurant's founders, as well as the members of its staff, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries and extend to all those associated with the restaurant sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1874 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House