**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LAKE CITY NATIVE LA TASHA MCCUTCHEN ON CAPTURING THE TOP TITLE OF HEAD CHEF ON THE POPULAR TELEVISED COOKING COMPETITION *HELL*’*S KITCHEN* AND TO WISH HER WELL IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Lake City native La Tasha McCutchen has captured the top title of head chef on *Hell*’*s Kitchen*, the popular cooking competition televised on FOX; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, La Tasha won the thirteenth season of the show and took home a prize valued at $250,000, including the head chef position at Gordon Ramsay Pub and Grill at Caesars Atlantic City; and

Whereas, entering the contest as the kitchen supervisor of 3030 Ocean in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, she competed against eighteen other chefs; and

Whereas, La Tasha is quick to give much of the credit for her success to her mentor, Paula DaSilva, 3030 executive chef, who was the *Hell*’*s Kitchen* second‑place finisher in 2009; and

Whereas, this rising culinary talent explains the beginning of her career path in the competitive world of chefs: “I became serious about cooking while waiting tables at a local fine‑dining restaurant when I was twenty and in my second year of college. I was unsure about what I wanted to do but discovered that I was very passionate about the service of food and fell in love with wanting to be the hands behind the food itself. In my family, food brought joy to any of life’s moments, and I wanted to be a part of bringing that joy to people, like my grandmother was”; and

Whereas, with much admiration, the members of the House salute La Tasha on earning this coveted prize and look forward to hearing of her further achievements. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Lake City native La Tasha McCutchen on capturing the top title of head chef on the popular televised cooking competition *Hell*’*s Kitchen* and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to La Tasha McCutchen.

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