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A senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE the steak house cafeteria UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS fiftieth ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND abed yassen FOR his MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE walhalla COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize The Steak House Cafeteria as it celebrates this important milestone; and

Whereas, years ago, Gloria Yassen drove by Seigler's Steak House on Main Street in Walhalla and discovered it was closed for business. She and her husband, Abed, had a dream to own their own restaurant, so they decided to purchase the business and the building; and

Whereas, in April 1973, Abed and Gloria Yassen opened the doors to The Steak House Cafeteria; and

Whereas, steaks and grits were menu staples at the beginning, and fried flounder and hamburger steak were soon added. Abed used a secret batter recipe for his fried chicken, which then became much more popular than steak; and

Whereas, people from all over the world now come to enjoy the "Arabian Rooster." Abed claims that it is too expensive to change the sign, so The Steak House Cafeteria remains, although there is no longer any steak on the menu; and

Whereas, Abed Yassen was honored by being the Grand Marshall in Walhalla's 2022 Christmas Parade; and

Whereas, The Steak House Cafeteria is featured in *South Carolina Back Road Restaurant Recipes*; and

Whereas, Gloria Yassen passed away in 2009 after serving alongside her husband for thirty‑six years. She is greatly missed; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of Abed Yassen and the Steak House staff to serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate The Steak House Cafeteria upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend Abed Yassen for his many years of dedicated service to the Walhalla community and the people and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Abed Yassen.

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