**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE CHEF RAFFAELE DALL’ERTA OF HAMPTONS IN SUMTER FOR HIS CONSIDERABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED A 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHEF AMBASSADOR BY GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Chef Raffaele Dall’Erta of Hamptons in Sumter has been named a South Carolina Chef Ambassador by Governor Henry McMaster; and

Whereas, born and raised in Milan, Italy, Raffaele was introduced to cooking at a very young age. His father’s love of food and skill in the kitchen, as well as early experiences foraging with his grandmother for some of the finest ingredients, were a great influence in his youth. These experiences fueled a passion for food, broadened his culinary knowledge, and inspired him to begin a culinary career at fifteen years of age; and

Whereas, Chef Dall’Erta attended culinary school at Vallesana in Northern Lombardy, and also took on various apprenticeships. His experiences led to positions in top Italian kitchens including Don Lisander and La Rondine, as well as other world‑renowned restaurants such as The Fat Duck in the United Kingdom and Per Se in New York; and

Whereas, after eleven years as the sous chef at the renowned Inn at Little Washington, Dall’Erta joined the team at Hamptons, a fine dining restaurant located in downtown Sumter. In using his own creative gourmet palate, he has used his culinary adventures to forge a diverse and appetizing menu which uses only the best cuts of meat and the freshest local produce and seafood; and

Whereas, Governor McMaster named Chef Dall’Erta as one of four awardees at a press conference on Monday, January 27, 2020, stating, “Chef Ambassadors bring to the table a skill set that most people can only imagine: blending and balancing flavors and textures that create memorable dining….” He also posited that these talented chefs, have contributed to the growth of South Carolina over the last twenty years; and

Whereas, appreciative of his dedication and skill in the creation of delightful and succulent dishes, the House takes great pleasure in saluting Chef Raffaele Dall’Erta on being named a 2020 South Carolina Chef Ambassador. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Chef Raffaele Dall’Erta of Hamptons in Sumter for his considerable accomplishments and to congratulate him on being named a 2020 South Carolina Chef Ambassador by Governor Henry McMaster.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chef Raffaele Dall’Erta.

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