**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND WHITEFORD’S DRIVE‑IN FOR SIX AND A HALF DECADES OF OUTSTANDING FOOD AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LAURENS COUNTY AND TO EXTEND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THIS BELOVED RESTAURANT’S SIXTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Whiteford’s Drive‑in of Laurens County is celebrating sixty‑five years of providing exceptional food and service and is set to continue its proud legacy; and

Whereas, when Laurens County residents start thinking about lunch, they want more than a burger; they want a Giant Burger, a name that has been synonymous with the local restaurant scene and good food for six and a half decades; and

Whereas, this August, the Whiteford family will celebrate the sixty‑fifth anniversary of their restaurant business, which began when Frank Whiteford completed his military service in 1957. At that time, Frank and his two brothers, Ernest and Ray, all three of whom had grown up on a farm in Cross Hill and served in the military, launched into the restaurant business; and

Whereas, the original Whiteford’s began on Broad Street in Clinton and boasted sixteen seats. Later, it would open with one hundred fifty seats on Clinton’s North Sloan Street, and, later still, the present Laurens and Clinton locations would open. The three brothers point to their parents and God as the primary reasons for their success, in addition to a lot of hard work; and

Whereas, Ray and Stephen Whiteford own and operate the restaurant in Clinton. This January, they lost their matriarch, Linda Whiteford, who had served as their secretary; and

Whereas, the Whitefords are very grateful to a wonderful community that has supported them all these years. They continue to work hard to cook and provide quality food. Their mom‑and‑pop business has the famous Giant Burger, hot dogs, fries, and many other short‑order menu items, along with meat‑and‑three dinners, cakes, ice cream, and so much more; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House is grateful for the years that Whiteford’s Drive‑in has dedicated to providing delicious meals for the Laurens County community, and the members offer best wishes for much continued success in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend Whiteford’s Drive‑in for six and a half decades of outstanding food and service to the people of Laurens County and extend warmest congratulations on the occasion of this beloved restaurant’s sixty‑fifth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ray and Stephen Whiteford on behalf of the entire Whiteford family.

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