

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 741

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize The Little Dutch Restaurant on the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable establishment is The Little Dutch Restaurant, the oldest restaurant in Morristown, Tennessee, which is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, The Little Dutch Restaurant was founded by Frank and Mattie Lorino; it serves Italian and Greek food but took its name from an East Tennessee drive-in where Frank and Mattie Lorino met and from a frugal deal Frank struck with a local sign maker who had a leftover windmill sign; and

WHEREAS, after Frank Lorino's death in 1970, The Little Dutch Restaurant fell on hard times until Greek immigrants, George Angelos and his brother, Tommy, took over the restaurant in 1973; Mattie Lorino and longtime waitress, manager, and part owner Lena Coffey helped the Angelos brothers restore The Little Dutch Restaurant to its former glory; and

WHEREAS, George Angelos and his wife, Nina, bought out Tommy's stake and continue to run The Little Dutch Restaurant with the attention to detail, work ethic, and dedication that made it successful; and

WHEREAS, over the last seventy-five years, The Little Dutch Restaurant has become a fixture of Morristown, and the community welcomed George and Nina Angelos just as they embraced Frank and Mattie Lorino; and

WHEREAS, rich in history and flavor, The Little Dutch Restaurant's exceptional service and delicious food stand as a timeless testament to quality, pleasing and delighting the taste buds of local residents and out-of-towners alike, and upholding Greek and Italian culture and tradition with each delectable bite; and

WHEREAS, George and Nina Angelos have operated The Little Dutch Restaurant with expertise and integrity since they took ownership, and they are wholly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend George and Nina Angelos and the employees, both past and present, of The Little Dutch Restaurant for their tireless dedication to quality, congratulate them on the restaurant's seventy-fifth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.