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3 By Representative Faulkner  
4 RFD: Rules  
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COMMENDING DEMETRI'S BARBEQUE RESTAURANT IN  
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, in 1950, Tyke Nakos immigrated from Greece through the Port of New Orleans; he held several jobs before he was in a position to launch his own business; he relied on the culinary and business skills he acquired working at a barbecue restaurant in Ensley, Alabama, before moving to Homewood to open the El Rancho Restaurant in 1961; and

WHEREAS, following more than a decade of hard work, during which time he helped define what is considered traditional barbecue, Mr. Nakos opened Demetri's Barbeque Restaurant in Homewood, Alabama, which offered fine food in a family setting to diners throughout the Birmingham Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, over the next six decades, Demetri's Barbeque Restaurant evolved into a landmark in downtown Homewood; it became a meeting place for workers to enjoy breakfast on their way to work; the patrons also crowded into

1 the restaurant to enjoy plates of barbecue, sandwiches,  
2 salads, and fresh vegetables for lunch and dinner; and

3 WHEREAS, Demetri's Barbeque is now recognized as the  
4 oldest restaurant in Homewood continuously operated by the  
5 same family; it continues to have the warm welcome from the  
6 Nakos family that was introduced 60 years ago; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and commend  
9 Demetri's Barbeque Restaurant on their 60 years of operation  
10 and service in Homewood and the Birmingham Metropolitan Area;  
11 and this resolution is offered to them with heartiest  
12 congratulations and best wishes for continued success.