

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 107

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Palms Restaurant on its 80th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, on Palm Sunday 1933, Giuseppe Sabataseo and his wife, Giovannina, who was locally renowned for cooking great Italian meals, opened The Palms Restaurant in Rutland, and

Whereas, in 1948, Giuseppe's son, Primo, learned pizza-making at a New York training program, and in 1949, The Palms Restaurant sold the first Vermont-made pizza, and

Whereas, in 1951, the founders' three sons, Luigi, Primo, and Alfred began the second generation of Sabataseo family ownership of The Palms Restaurant, and

Whereas, in 1952, The Palms Restaurant inaugurated sponsorship of athletic teams, and the many trophies the teams have earned are now displayed with pride, and

Whereas, in 1954, Alfred's departure from The Palms Restaurant resulted in Primo and Luigi calling upon their sister, Mary Gallipo, to assist them in managing the business, and

Whereas, in 1959, Luigi and his wife, Dorothy Belfore, became the exclusive owners with their sons, Joseph and John, bringing a third generation into the daily life of this family enterprise, and

Whereas, in 1972, a fire engulfed the original Palms Restaurant, destroying the building, but the restaurant reopened triumphantly on October 1, 1973 at the original location, and

Whereas, in the years since 1959, Joseph and John Sabataseo and their wives had taken full charge of The Palms Restaurant, and

Whereas, in 1987, Joseph left the ownership team, making John and his wife, Jerri Ross, along with their fourth-generation son Jay, who had special preparation at the Culinary Institute of America, the new management team, and

Whereas, Jay introduced catering to The Palms' offerings, and

Whereas, Jay's siblings Jill Michel, who prepares many traditional dishes, Jan McGinnis, and James regularly lend a hand, and now the fifth Sabataseo generation, including Christopher, Michael, John, and Julia, is learning the family's culinary and business traditions, and

Whereas, *Bon Appétit* magazine has recognized The Palms Restaurant on its pages, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Palms Restaurant on its 80th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Sabataseo family at The Palms Restaurant in Rutland.