

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Busy Bee Restaurant was established in 1947 by Lucy Jackson, a self-taught cook who named her restaurant after seeing a picture of a bee on a large sign and felt inspired; after a missionary thoroughly enjoyed Lucy's cooking, she predicted that her business would always be busy and blessed, hence the name Busy Bee; and



WHEREAS,

The Southwest Atlanta restaurant, located on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, has been a staple in the city for 75 years as a gathering spot for civil rights leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, Rev. Hosea Williams, Ambassador Andrew Young, and Rev. Joseph E. Lowery; and



WHEREAS,

Busy Bee Restaurant was named one of six recipients of the 2022 James Beard Award, which is awarded annually to locally owned restaurants with exceptional talent in the culinary arts and reflect the character of the communities they serve; and



WHEREAS,

Busy Bee Restaurant is currently owned by Tracy Gates, whose family took over the business in the early 1980's; she will accept the award at the James Beard Restaurant and Chef Awards ceremony on June 13th in Chicago;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Busy Bee Restaurant for its outstanding legacy as one of the most recognizable and favorite community gathering spots, as well as popular tourist destination in the city, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 2, 2022 as "**BUSY BEE RESTAURANT APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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