

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-155

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 19, 2017

To recognize and honor Natalina Koropoulos, owner of La Tomate Restaurant, on the occasion of the celebration of La Tomate's 30th anniversary, and to declare August 17, 2017, as "La Tomate Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1987, the nation's capital welcomed La Tomate Restaurant to Dupont Circle as a breath of fresh air;

WHEREAS, the restaurant became an immediate sensation, and earned its status as an institution in historic Dupont Circle;

WHEREAS, Natalina Koropoulos is the owner of La Tomate;

WHEREAS, the restaurant has become a favorite among Washingtonians and tourists alike as it helped to lead the transformation of Dupont Circle to the thriving business and nightlife hub it is today;

WHEREAS, La Tomate's menu has evolved from strictly Italian into more of a Mediterranean menu;

WHEREAS, La Tomate keeps its menu fresh by changing its offerings and has incorporated some of the most popular dishes from its recently closed sister restaurant Maurayo; and

WHEREAS, recently, *The Washington Post* covered La Tomate as a great restaurant, after all these years, citing consistent service, great food, and local atmosphere.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "La Tomate Restaurant 30th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Natalina Koropoulos and La Tomate for their many contributions to the citizens and city of Washington, D.C. and declares August 17, 2017, as "La Tomate Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.