



Councilmember Jack Evans

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Christianne Ricchi and Restorante i Ricchi on the occasion of the celebration of i Ricchi's 30th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Christianne Ricchi was born in New York and went to Florence, Italy to study while in college in the 1970's where she met Francesco Ricchi and the Ricchi family. After graduation, she returned and worked with Francesco to establish one of the most well-known restaurants outside of Florence;

WHEREAS, Christianne and Francesco came to the United States because they learned that Americans had begun to discover authentic Italian regional cuisine. They settled in DC because it is an international city with highly educated and well-traveled people and there were no other Tuscan restaurants here at the time;

WHEREAS, i Ricchi opened the same month George Herbert Walker Bush was inaugurated and has been in the Golden Triangle/Dupont neighborhood for 5 presidential administrations. On February 13th, President Bush came to the restaurant for the first time when i Ricchi had only been open for a month, but that visit propelled the restaurant to international fame;

WHEREAS, During Bill Clinton's inauguration, the restaurant was filled with celebrities from Oprah to Sidney Poitier, James Garner, Harry Belafonte, Mariah Carey and many more;

WHEREAS, i Ricchi specializes in regional cooking made from recipes handed down from generation to generation and the most well-known Tuscan dish is "Penne Strasciate" where the sauce simmers for 12 hours and is unlike anything else you have ever tasted;

WHEREAS, Almost everything is done from scratch from baking its own breads to making its own gelato and desserts daily. All of the pasts are made in house as are all of the sauces. i Ricchi works very hard to insure authenticity – right down to the art of making the perfect espresso or cappuccino;

WHEREAS, Christianne Ricchi, along with a few other restaurant owners, started Restaurant Week in the District of Columbia in January 2002 to encourage people to dine out again following 9/11;

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “i Ricchi 30th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019”;

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors their many contributions to the citizens and city of Washington, D.C. and declares February 9, 2019 as “i Ricchi 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.