

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2023

To recognize and honor Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse on the celebration of its 75th anniversary.

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse, which was opened by George Katinas in 1948 at the corner of 17th Street, N.W. and Church Street N.W. in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse moved in 1985 from 17th Street, N.W., and Church Street, N.W., to its current location at 1609 17th Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, Annie Kaylor, sister of George Katinas, began working in the restaurant in 1952 and her name was added to Paramount Steakhouse in the early 1960s;

WHEREAS, Annie Kaylor was a neighborhood icon who was respected and loved for the sense of community and fellowship she created in the restaurant, the neighborhood, and the LGBTQQIA+ community through her unwavering support;

WHEREAS, Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse has been a champion for the LGBTQQIA+ community, providing an accepting and loving atmosphere as well as being an early sponsor of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., a continuous presence at the annual Capital Pride Parade, and a recipient of the Rainbow History Project’s Community Pioneer Award;

WHEREAS, Annie’s Steakhouse has created a distinctive gathering spot providing delicious food, a sense of belonging, and a communal spirit;

WHEREAS, the restaurant earned the prestigious James Beard America’s Classics Award in 2019 for its “timeless appeal... and quality food”; and

WHEREAS, George Katinas’ son, Paul, and his family are continuing the Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse legacy to this day through the traditions of community, affirmation, and comfort food.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse 75th Anniversary Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse on its 75th anniversary for its exceptional contributions to the LGBTQQIA+ community, the Dupont Circle neighborhood, and the District at large.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.