

House Resolution 1438

By: Representatives Nix of the 69th, Smith of the 133rd, and Trammell of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Charlie Joseph's on the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Joseph Maloof was born on February 25, 1889, in Pirout, Syria, and
4 came to the United States in 1907, where his name was shortened to Charlie Joseph; and

5 WHEREAS, he spent three years in New York City and Atlanta before moving to LaGrange
6 in 1914; he worked for Elm City Cotton Mills and was inducted into the United States Army
7 in 1918; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1920, Charlie Joseph married Rosa Solomon, and they had five children: Joe,
9 born in 1921; Solomon, born in 1923; Frances, born in 1924; Rosalie, born in 1926; and
10 Gene, born in 1929; they lived at 110 Alford Street most of their married lives and were
11 among the founding families of St. Peter's Catholic Church in 1936; and

12 WHEREAS, Charlie and Rosa opened a fruit and lunch stand at 117 Main Street in 1920; he
13 swapped a horse and buggy for the business and never bought another vehicle after that,
14 choosing to walk everywhere he went; they eventually moved the business to 123 Main
15 Street, then to 107 Main Street where they stayed until Charlie retired in 1946; and

16 WHEREAS, Charlie Joseph passed away on October 8, 1946, at his home; and

17 WHEREAS, Charlie Joseph's, and its world famous hot dogs and hamburgers, still operates
18 in LaGrange, now with two locations: 128 Bull Street, where his sons moved the business
19 in 1946 one month before Charlie died, and 2238 West Point Road, established in 1992 by
20 Charlie's grandson, Joey Keeth; and

21 WHEREAS, Charlie Joseph's is now operated by the third, fourth, and fifth generations of
22 the family and has served upwards of seven generations of local citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, many current and former residents of Georgia, including Governor Brian Kemp,
24 the 83rd Governor of the State of Georgia, have enjoyed dining at Charlie Joseph's and
25 consider the same to be one of the great institutions of the City of LaGrange; and

26 WHEREAS, Charlie Joseph's will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 20, 2020.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Charlie Joseph's on the grand occasion of its 100th
29 anniversary.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Charlie Joseph's.