

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the city of Lafayette, Louisiana on being honored as the winner of The South's Tastiest Town 2012 competition promoted by *Southern Living Magazine*.

WHEREAS, in January 2012, the editors and culinary experts at *Southern Living Magazine* selected ten cities throughout the southern United States which were determined to have the best food offerings based on several criteria, which were food as a cultural identity, the growth of a cuisine culture within the community, diversity of food choices at a variety of price points, local and sustainable food practices, an abundance of noteworthy food events, and the emergence of avant garde chefs who push the boundaries of traditional fare; and

WHEREAS, *Southern Living Magazine* senior editor, Paula Disbrowe, traveled to numerous cities, sampled dishes prepared by local tastemakers, chefs, and artisans, then selected the participants for competition; and

WHEREAS, the southern cities in competition for this recognition of tastiest town were Baltimore, Maryland; Birmingham, Alabama; Charleston, South Carolina; Charlottesville, Virginia; Decatur, Georgia; Houston, Texas; Lafayette, Louisiana; Louisville, Kentucky; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Raleigh, North Carolina; each city was heralded with a rich food culture and numerous regional delicacies; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette's nomination was due, in part, to the contributions of notable chefs and eateries, such as, Justin and Margaret Girouard, owners of "The French Press" for Sweet Baby Breesus sliders, Cajun Benedict, and Grits and Grillades; Lori Walls of "Johnson's Boucaniere" for country-style barbeque ribs with jambalaya; Donald Link and Stephen Stryjewski of "Couchon Lafayette" for duck confit with braised white beans, sausage, mizuna, and satsumas; as well as dishes prepared by Manny Augello of "Jolie's Louisiana Bistro", Mary Tutwiler and Nathan Stubbs of "The Saint Street Inn", and Collin Cormier of "Viva La Waffle", popular food truck; and

WHEREAS, from a total of one-half million votes cast by the magazine's readers, Lafayette received nearly two hundred thousand votes, to defeat its closest competitor, Louisville, Kentucky, by thirty-five thousand votes, thereby earning the title of "The South's Tastiest Town 2012"; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette lies at the center of Louisiana's Acadian culture and is highly representative of the state's unusual diversity of delicious cuisine available in every corner and in every kitchen across this great state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the city of Lafayette for the honor of being named The South's Tastiest Town 2012 by the readers of *Southern Living Magazine*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere appreciation to the chefs and eating establishments for their contributions of fine food and to citizens of Lafayette for continued support of unique culinary traditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to J. L. "Joey" Durel Jr., City-Parish President of Lafayette.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES