

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor Manny and Adele Macca, owners of Manny's House of Pizza.

WHEREAS, the members of this body take great pleasure in recognizing a third-generation pizza maker who has been the mastermind behind the most delicious pizza in Nashville for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Manny Macca and his wife, Adele, have owned and operated Manny's House of Pizza in downtown Nashville's historic Arcade to the delight of a loyal and appreciative customer base; and

WHEREAS, an unapologetic traditionalist who prefers hands-on methods, Manny Macca never cuts corners and insists upon using fresh quality ingredients to make authentic New York City Italian pizza pies, which are served up with a generous helping of New York attitude, albeit filtered through more than three decades of Southern exposure; and

WHEREAS, Manny's devoted customers literally line up out the door each weekday to dine on his delectable Italian fare, which in addition to the traditional New York pie, whole or by the slice, includes Sicilian-style pizza, spaghetti, meatballs, lasagna, stromboli, manicotti, and a variety of rolls and sandwiches; and

WHEREAS, the House of Pizza is most definitely a family affair, as son, John, and daughter, Gabriella, have now joined Manny and Adele Macca in making pizzas and serving downtown Nashville's lunch crowd; and

WHEREAS, born in Sicily, Manny Macca moved to Brooklyn with his family in 1961, when he was only nine years of age; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, he began working at L&B Spumoni Gardens Pizzeria, one of Brooklyn's most famous and popular restaurants, and continued to hone his craft there through college; and

WHEREAS, L&B was famous for its bona fide Sicilian pizza, and Mr. Macca learned more than a few secrets there as he developed his own style and philosophy as a pizza maker; and

WHEREAS, after briefly making pizza in Birmingham, Alabama, Manny Macca moved to Nashville in 1984 to pursue his songwriting career and even worked at the House of Pizza; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he returned to New York with the dream of opening his own pizzeria, but had difficulty in finding a good location; and

WHEREAS, it was then that serendipity struck; the owner of Nashville's House of Pizza wanted to sell the business, and Manny Macca was eager to buy; and

WHEREAS, with the help of his brother, Joey Macca, and the rest of his family, Mr. Macca soon transformed a business in shambles into a destination eatery and one of the most popular lunch spots in downtown Nashville; and

WHEREAS, thirty-two years later, Manny, Adele, John, and Gabriella Macca and crew are still serving the best pizza in Nashville, hands-on and hands-down, and they are richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Manny and Adele Macca, owners of Manny's House of Pizza, for enriching and feeding the Nashville community with their delicious authentic New York Italian pizza for more than thirty years and extend to the Maccas our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Manny Macca upon obtaining his United States citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.