

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Big Ed's Pizza for fifty years of service to the citizens of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize those esteemed businesses that significantly contribute to the social and cultural heritage of our communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable establishment is Big Ed's Pizza in Oak Ridge; this exceptional restaurant first opened its doors in 1970 and has served the residents of Oak Ridge for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, "Big Ed" Neusel opened the beloved pizza restaurant with his wife after moving to Oak Ridge in February of 1970, converting a former drug store into the beloved Big Ed's Pizza; and

WHEREAS, though Mr. Neusel passed away in 1998, his legacy lives on through the pizzeria's staff, who continue to cut the slices with scissors and place carry out orders in paper bags the way Big Ed always insisted; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in February 2020, Big Ed's Pizza has long been a gathering place for the good people of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Big Ed's Pizza has stood as a bastion of dedicated service and excellent food for more than fifty years, and it is wholly fitting that we recognize it for its commitment to the Oak Ridge community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the good people of Big Ed's Pizza for their fifty years of service to the citizens of Oak Ridge and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.