

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1346

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Donna and Tom Sullivan for their contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize those exemplary business owners who, through their hard work and dedication to excellence, have greatly contributed to their communities; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Donna and Tom Sullivan, the owners of the Hot Bagel Company, who, after more than twenty-five years of operation, closed their business on May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their many years of service to their community, the Sullivans were awarded the Muddy Bagel Award by the East Tennessee Economic Council, which had utilized the Hot Bagel Company as the organization's caterer since 1995; and

WHEREAS, a fitting tribute to this exemplary couple, the Muddy Bagel Award is a spin-off of the Muddy Boot Award, which is given to those individuals who go above the call of duty to make the community a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Donna and Tom Sullivan started the Hot Bagel Company in 1994, with Tom, the baker, up at impossibly early hours to create such wonderful delicacies as the "Gator" bagel before a Tennessee versus Florida football game or the "skeleton" bagel before Halloween; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sullivan has been a force of nature, helping to raise funds to fight Lupus, catering, and serving breakfast to rowers from all across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivans began their restaurant adventure after working as engineers, and Mr. Sullivan even traveled to France to enhance his talents for baking pastries; and

WHEREAS, after closing their business, the couple will generously donate their equipment to the Pellissippi State Community College's Culinary School to be used to train new generations of culinary artists; and

WHEREAS, while the Hot Bagel Company, a local favorite, will be greatly missed, the bonds formed with the Knoxville community by the Sullivans will endure; 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 Donna and Tom Sullivan for providing twenty-five years of excellent food and service to the people of Knoxville, thank them for their contributions toward building the community, and extend to them our best wishes for every future 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.