

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1353

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend The Bakery Box and It's A Pear Catering for their efforts to provide meals in their community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those small businesses that have selflessly served their communities during a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, two such businesses are The Bakery Box and It's A Pear Catering, which have donated almost 8,000 meals to residents of the White House community during the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, caterers Cynthia Summers of The Bakery Box and Kim Jones and Sara Briggs of It's A Pear Catering delivered approximately fifty meals during the week of March 16, 2020, as residents began to shelter in place; and

WHEREAS, as word spread throughout the community, the number of meals delivered quickly increased, with Ms. Summers, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Briggs soon providing between 450 and 500 meals weekly; and

WHEREAS, meals were packed and delivered by volunteers and included cards from children as well as cards made and decorated by artists from the White House Community Initiative for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the caterers have also provided grocery boxes to some recipients who had a higher need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, the meals have been paid for with a combination of grant money and donated goods and services from a number of local businesses, including B and B Signs, 672Brew, Cash Savers, Southern Charm Bakery, Perry's Smokin' Pig, Colorado Grill, Ink N Screens, Honey Run Boutique, Romance and Rust Styling, The Barbecue Place, Proampac,

Brown's Florist, Sweet Treats by Mandy, Bojangles, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Kroger, T&W Vending, and Farmers Insurance, Kellye Smith; and

WHEREAS, additionally, monetary donations were made by White House Mini Storage, Tate Ornamental, Mimi's Greenhouse, Prosperity Mortgage, Braxton Strong Foundation, Dan Adams, NixonPro, and Drew Christenson and Bill Norfleet of Tennessee Realty Partners; and

WHEREAS, The Bakery Box and It's A Pear Catering received funding from the Greater Nashville Regional Council for a portion of the program; instead of absorbing the funds into their existing efforts, Ms. Summers, Ms. Briggs, and Ms. Jones chose to pay it forward and support other small businesses in the area by purchasing meals from local restaurants to include in their meal delivery. This decision allowed them to support and introduce new customers to EJ's, Café 31, The Barbecue Place, Molipazzo's, and Neighborhood Café; and

WHEREAS, for more than three months, as individuals around the globe have stayed at home to prevent the spread of a global pandemic, Cynthia Summers, Kim Jones, and Sara Briggs have sought to serve their community and keep their friends and neighbors well-fed, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor them at this time; 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 and commend The Bakery Box and It's A Pear Catering and caterers Cynthia Summers, Kim Jones, and Sara Briggs for their efforts to provide meals for their community during the COVID-19 pandemic, extending 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.