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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1269

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June 23, 2014

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY
2 AND JAMES BEARD AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
3 CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN CULTURE.

4 Whereas, George Foster Peabody was a successful investment banker,
5 philanthropist, and benefactor of the University of Georgia; and

6 Whereas, the Peabody Award, named for George Foster Peabody, acknowledges
7 excellence in radio, television, and Web storytelling and is considered by many in the broadcast
8 industry to be the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize; and

9 Whereas, the prestigious Peabody Award is awarded each year by the Grady
10 College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia; and

11 Whereas, James Beard was a renowned cookbook author, cooking show host,
12 restaurant owner, and cooking instructor, whose name is synonymous with American cuisine;
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14 Whereas, James Beard served as the host of the first television food show and went
15 on to inspire countless others to take an interest in the culinary arts; and

16 Whereas, each year, the James Beard Foundation Awards are given for excellence in
17 the food and beverage and related industries; and

18 Whereas, the legacies of George Foster Peabody and James Beard have made it
19 possible for people like Vivian Howard and Ben Knight to be inspired to create delicious foods
20 with local agricultural products and to share their creations with others through their restaurants
21 and television show; and

22 Whereas, in 2006, Vivian Howard, a native of Deep Run, North Carolina, and her
23 husband, Ben Knight, a Chicago native and professional artist, opened a high-end, farm-to-fork
24 restaurant in Kinston that serves seasonal and creative cuisine with more than 70% of the
25 restaurant's food supplied by local farmers; and

26 Whereas, in 2013, Chef Howard and Ben Knight opened a second restaurant in
27 Kinston and aired the first season of their television show, "A Chef's Life," on PBS; and

28 Whereas, "A Chef's Life" is a documentary that follows Chef Howard and Ben
29 Knight in their farm-to-fork restaurant and examines the traditional and modern uses of classic
30 southern ingredients; and

31 Whereas, in 2014, "A Chef's Life" was awarded a Peabody Award and named a
32 finalist for the James Beard Foundation Awards; and

33 Whereas, the success of Chef Howard and Ben Knight has brought great honor to
34 the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

35 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:



1 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of George Foster
2 Peabody and James Beard and expresses its appreciation for their lasting legacies, which are
3 recognized through the Peabody Award and the James Beard Foundation Awards.

4 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives congratulates Vivian Howard and Ben
5 Knight on being awarded a Peabody Award and for being named a finalist for the 2014 James
6 Beard Foundation Awards.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
8 to Vivian Howard and Ben Knight.

9 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

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