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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BRAUD, HILFERTY, KNOX, AND MENA

A RESOLUTION

To commend Crescent City Steakhouse on its ninetieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the story of Crescent City Steakhouse began in 1923, eleven years before the restaurant opened its doors, when John Vojkovich left his home in the village of Sucuraj on the Croatian island of Hvar and traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, upon his arrival, Mr. Vojkovich and his father found jobs and began saving to pay for his mother and sisters to travel to New Orleans; they joined other Croatians on an oyster boat that docked in Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, after two months, John left his job on the oyster boat and found work in various restaurants in downtown New Orleans; he worked his way up from dishwasher to busboy to waiter, and he eventually got the opportunity to operate a restaurant at the corner of North Rampart and St. Philip Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vojkovich opened Crescent City Steakhouse at the age of twenty-six in 1934, and the restaurant stands in its original location to this day; he has become a legend in the restaurant business, and he is the originator of serving "steaks sizzling in butter", which is now synonymous with the city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, John passed away in 1990, but the restaurant has remained in the Vojkovich family; Crescent City Steakhouse holds the distinction of being the oldest family-owned steakhouse in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Crescent City Steakhouse and the Vojkovich family are most deserving of the highest recognition for the inspiring success of their family-owned restaurant and for their contributions to the iconic food culture of the city of New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Crescent City Steakhouse on its ninetieth anniversary and does hereby extend sincerest gratitude for the restaurant's service to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES