

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 250

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends posthumously Eddie Hughes, commends Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant, designates "Eddie's Original Stuffed Shrimp" as the official Stuffed Shrimp of Louisiana, and recognizes July 14, 2018, as Eddie Hughes Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To posthumously commend Eddie Hughes, the creator of "Eddie's Original Stuffed Shrimp",  
3 to commend Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant in Shreveport upon its  
4 fortieth anniversary, to designate "Eddie's Original Stuffed Shrimp" as the official  
5 Stuffed Shrimp of Louisiana, and to recognize July 14, 2018, as Eddie Hughes Day  
6 in Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the life and legacy of Eddie Hughes, a  
8 former chef and manager of the Freeman & Harris Café, founder and former owner of  
9 Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant, and the creator and originator of "Eddie's  
10 Original Stuffed Shrimp"; and

11 WHEREAS, as a child, Eddie's foster parents were part owners of the famous and  
12 historic Freeman & Harris Café; Eddie learned the ins and outs of the family business by  
13 working there after school, washing dishes and mopping floors; and

14 WHEREAS, in junior high, Eddie began bussing tables and helping out in the  
15 kitchen; he discovered his passion for cooking while working at Freeman & Harris; at the  
16 age of seventeen, Eddie Hughes invented his renowned stuffed shrimp dish; and

17 WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Eddie enlisted in the U.S. Army for two  
18 years, where he was a culinary arts instructor; after returning from active duty, Eddie  
19 returned to Freeman & Harris as head chef where he created his stuffed shrimp and its  
20 accompanying secret recipe tartar sauce; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1959, Eddie married his high school sweetheart, Lois Bryant Hughes;  
2 the couple had three children, Eugene "Geno" Hughes, Mavice Hughes Thigpen, and Ora  
3 Hughes Patrick, and several loving grandchildren who worked at the restaurant through all  
4 their high school years, Britney, Bryant, Trudy, Karma, Sherry, Javia, and Jarrett; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1960, Eddie became the first African American chef at the local  
6 Holiday Inn; he was also working full time at Freeman & Harris; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1974, Eddie earned a bachelor of science degree in business from  
8 Grambling State University; and

9 WHEREAS, after working for Freeman & Harris for thirty-two years, Eddie decided  
10 to go out on his own; Eddie and his wife and children built Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food  
11 Restaurant; it opened in 1978 and is the oldest continuously operated African American  
12 owned restaurant in northwest Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant was featured in the October  
14 2015 issue of *Southern Living* magazine as "The South's Best Soul Food" and was  
15 recognized in the May-June 2016 edition of *Louisiana Cookin'* as one of Louisiana's best  
16 shrimp eateries; and

17 WHEREAS, Eddie and the restaurant were also featured on Poppy Tooker's  
18 "Louisiana Eats!", an NPR-affiliated radio show based in New Orleans, Food Network's  
19 "Flip My Food", and in the *Shreveport Times*; and

20 WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau produced a short  
21 film in honor of Eddie Hughes in 2016; *Shreveport-Bossier Magazine* featured Eddie's  
22 shrimp creole recipe in its November 2016 edition; and

23 WHEREAS, Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant has become a renowned  
24 institution, and the life and legacy of Eddie Hughes hold a special place in the hearts of  
25 many residents of Shreveport and the state of Louisiana.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend Eddie Hughes, the creator of  
28 "Eddie's Original Stuffed Shrimp"; does hereby commend Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food  
29 Restaurant in Shreveport upon its fortieth anniversary; does hereby designate "Eddie's

1 Original Stuffed Shrimp" as the official Stuffed Shrimp of Louisiana; and does hereby  
2 recognize July 14, 2018, as Eddie Hughes Day in Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
4 to the family of Eddie Hughes.

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DIGEST

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