

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY SENATOR TALBOT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Chef Frank Brigtsen of Brigtsen's Restaurant for more than thirty years of culinary excellence and for his contributions to the city of New Orleans and state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Frank Brigtsen, co-owner and chef of Brigtsen's Restaurant
3 for more than thirty years of culinary excellence and for his contributions to the city
4 of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Frank Brigtsen is at the forefront of a new generation of New Orleans
6 chefs who are revitalizing Creole/Acadian cooking as the co-owner with his wife, Marna,
7 and chef of Brigtsen's Restaurant, one of the best traditional New Orleans restaurants; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his culinary career in 1973 while attending Louisiana State
9 University and, in 1979, he apprenticed at Commander's Palace Restaurant under the
10 guidance of Chef Paul Prudhomme; and

11 WHEREAS, Frank Brigtsen became the first night chef at K-Paul's Louisiana
12 Kitchen when the restaurant began dinner service in 1980, and during his seven-year tenure
13 with Chef Prudhomme at K-Paul's, Frank attained the position of executive chef; and

14 WHEREAS, Chef Paul and his wife Kay Prudhomme were instrumental in helping
15 Frank and Marna open Brigtsen's Restaurant in 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank utilizes his native New Orleans palate and inventive personal
17 touch to create dishes that pay tribute to the traditions of Louisiana cuisine and his
18 interpretation of Creole/Acadian food has been described as a "reaffirmation that Louisiana

1 cooking is America's most durable and satisfying"; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1988, *Food & Wine* named Frank "One of America's Top Ten New
3 Chefs"; in 1994, Frank was chosen "Chef of the Year" in *New Orleans Magazine's* annual
4 poll of local chefs and restaurateurs; he received the James Beard Award for "American
5 Express Best Chef: Southeast" in 1998; and

6 WHEREAS, Brigtsen's Restaurant has received a "Five-Bean" (Superior) rating and
7 a 94/100 rating, and was voted "Top Cajun Restaurant" in the 2000 Zagat survey; and

8 WHEREAS, Frank Brigtsen gives a tremendous amount of time and energy back to
9 the city of New Orleans and state of Louisiana by supporting numerous charitable
10 endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, Chef Brigtsen is a strong believer in culinary education and shares his
12 passion for Creole and Acadian cuisines through his roles as adjunct professor at The John
13 Folse Culinary Institute at Nicholls State University and Chef-in-Residence at the New
14 Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA), and is a member of the American Culinary
15 Federation; and

16 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
17 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
18 of people like Frank Brigtsen who use their considerable talents and Louisiana's rich
19 resources to promote tourism and increase economic growth for future generations.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend and congratulate Frank Brigtsen, co-owner and chef of Brigtsen's
22 Restaurant, on his numerous contributions, extraordinary accomplishments, and efforts to
23 inspire others through his uniquely southern cuisine while promoting the diverse heritage
24 and culture that Louisiana and its citizens have to offer the rest of the world.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Frank Brigtsen.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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