

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lagniappe Bakehouse on being named one of the best bakeries in the United States by The New York Times and its' chef, Kaitlin Guerin, on being named a finalist for the 2025 James Beard Award for Emerging Chef.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Lagniappe Bakehouse on being named one of the best bakeries in the United
3 States by *The New York Times* and its chef, Kaitlin Guerin, on being named a finalist
4 for the 2025 James Beard Award® for Emerging Chef.

5 WHEREAS, Lagniappe Bakehouse, a black-owned bakery located in Central City,
6 New Orleans, has achieved national acclaim by being named one of the 22 best bakeries in
7 the United States by *The New York Times*; and

8 WHEREAS, the bakery was founded in September 2024 by New Orleans native
9 Kaitlin Guerin and her partner, Lino Asana, who have together cultivated a unique and
10 celebrated culinary establishment; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerin discovered her passion for pastry and baking while working
12 in restaurants in San Francisco while pursuing a performing arts career and she was inspired
13 to pursue formal culinary education and training in Michelin-starred restaurants in
14 Copenhagen and the San Francisco Bay Area; and

15 WHEREAS, while in New Orleans during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Guerin
16 launched a home-based bakery that quickly attracted a loyal following and ultimately
17 culminated in the opening of Lagniappe Bakehouse; and

18 WHEREAS, *The New York Times* has recognized Lagniappe Bakehouse for its

1 innovative approach to baking and for honoring black history through its unique and
2 culturally significant offerings; and

3 WHEREAS, the bakery's signature pastry, the "Vaucroissant," is a sausage-filled
4 lattice croissant which pays tribute to the rich heritage of New Orleans by incorporating
5 Creole hot sausage from the iconic black-owned Vaucresson Sausage Co. of the historic 7th
6 Ward Neighborhood; and

7 WHEREAS, Lagniappe Bakehouse continues to honor black history and culinary
8 traditions through its baked goods including toffee cookies made with benne seeds, an
9 ingredient brought to the Americas by enslaved Africans; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerin's work has been praised by *The New York Times* for creating
11 pastries that are not only technically masterful but also engage in meaningful dialogue with
12 black history and culture, and further elevating the culinary landscape of New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerin has been named a finalist for the prestigious 2025 James
14 Beard Award® for Emerging Chef, recognizing her outstanding talent, creativity, and
15 cultural contribution to American cuisine.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby commend Lagniappe Bakehouse on being named one of the best bakeries in the
18 United States by *The New York Times* and its chef, Kaitlin Guerin, on being named a finalist
19 for the 2025 James Beard Award® for Emerging Chef.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chef
21 Kaitlin Guerin.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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