

House Resolution 669

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156th, Channell of the 116th, Gardner of the 57th, Stephens of the 164th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Murphy's Restaurant and owner Mr. Tom Murphy; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for almost 30 years, Mr. Tom Murphy has been providing culinary delights in
4 a relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere at Murphy's Restaurant in the Virginia Highlands
5 neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy opened Murphy's Restaurant in 1980 when he was 22 years old,
7 inspired by a marketing assignment for a management class while in his senior year at
8 Georgia State University; and

9 WHEREAS, what began as a small deli quickly grew into a full service restaurant that
10 required a move to the restaurant's larger, current location at 997 Virginia Avenue in Atlanta,
11 Georgia, or as the restaurant's motto states, "where Virginia and Highlands meet"; and

12 WHEREAS, Murphy's Restaurant has earned a reputation for the place to find the perfect
13 combination of comfort food and unpretentious service in a cozy and vibrant setting; and

14 WHEREAS, the restaurant has been viewed as a catalyst in revitalizing the decaying Virginia
15 Highlands neighborhood into the area's present reputation as one of Atlanta's most vibrant
16 restaurant and shopping districts; and

17 WHEREAS, much of the restaurant's success can be attributed to its offering guests
18 high-quality food at a great value in a comfortable atmosphere, where each person feels a
19 sense of belonging; and

20 WHEREAS, now one of the most successful and long-standing restaurants in Atlanta,
21 Murphy's Restaurant's delicious seasonally-based menu has been recognized by *ZAGAT* as

22 one of the best restaurants for traditional American fare and has been named Best Brunch in
23 Atlanta by Airtran's *GO Magazine* and AOL's *City Guide*; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy has developed one of the most popular and fashionable restaurants
25 in the city of Atlanta and Murphy's Restaurant continues to thrive as the heart and soul of the
26 Virginia Highlands neighborhood.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Mr. Tom Murphy for his vision, commitment, and
29 passion in maintaining a culinary icon, Murphy's Restaurant, and commend him for the
30 incredible gastronomical delights he provides in a relaxed atmosphere each day.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tom Murphy.