

House Resolution 477

By: Representatives Smith of the 168th, Ralston of the 7th, Kaiser of the 59th, Lindsey of the 54th, Jones of the 46th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mary Mac's Tea Room in Atlanta, Georgia, on the occasion of its 65th
2 anniversary and inviting the owner and various staff members to be recognized by the House
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, originally named Mrs. Fuller's Tea Room, Mary Mac's Tea Room was founded
5 in 1945 and is the last of the 16 tea rooms that were opened by women entrepreneurs across
6 the Atlanta area; and

7 WHEREAS, over the last 65 years, Mary Mac's Tea Room has honored the time-tested
8 tradition of providing quality, made from scratch food served with true southern hospitality;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Mac's current owner, Mr. John Ferrell, has kept the tea room's tradition
11 alive of giving patrons delicious comfort food in an atmosphere as familiar as their
12 grandmother's kitchen; and

13 WHEREAS, this iconic Atlanta landmark has now served over an estimated 20 million
14 patrons with an average of 1,500 diners a day departing Mary Mac's with a full stomach and
15 happy heart; and

16 WHEREAS, the tables of Mary Mac's have seated presidents, international dignitaries,
17 governors, state leaders, and local families; and

18 WHEREAS, several of Mary Mac's employees have worked at the tea room for over 35 years
19 and include Ms. Flora Hunter, Ms. Shirley Mitchell, Ms. Flo Patrick, Ms. Evelyn Stewart,
20 and Ms. Martha Evans; and Ms. Marion Mimms has dedicated 16 years to the Mary Mac's
21 family; and

22 WHEREAS, when visiting Mary Mac's, guests are sure to be greeted by Ms. Jo Carter, who
23 has served as goodwill ambassador for the restaurant for the past 16 years, checking on
24 diners in the tea room's six dining rooms and offering customers a back rub; and

25 WHEREAS, for the past 65 years, the cooks at Mary Mac's have been dishing out
26 mouthwatering meat loaf, souffles, casseroles, banana pudding, peach cobbler, cinnamon
27 rolls, yeast rolls, and corn bread to generations of eager customers; and

28 WHEREAS, in honor of Mary Mac's 65th anniversary, the restaurant released its first
29 national cookbook, *Mary Mac's Tea Room, 65 Years of Recipes from Atlanta's Favorite*
30 *Dining Room*, selling out the first printing of 10,000 copies in just one month; and

31 WHEREAS, Mary Mac's Tea Room in midtown Atlanta is a gem in the city, and its draw of
32 visitors from around the world is worthy of recognition as "Atlanta's dining room."

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the owner and staff of Mary Mac's Tea Room for their
35 commitment to supplying heartfelt and delicious meals to be enjoyed with a side of true
36 southern hospitality, congratulate this Georgia landmark on the grand occasion of its 65th
37 anniversary, invite the owner and various staff members to be recognized by the House of
38 Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives, and acknowledge Ms. Kelly Butler for her efforts in organizing the
40 restaurant's recognition.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the owner of Mary Mac's
43 Tea Room, Mr. John Ferrell.