

House Resolution 797

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st, Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Holmes of the 129th, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mrs. Griffin's Barbecue Sauce upon the grand occasion of its 80th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin's Barbecue Sauce was founded by Mangham Edward Griffin, who
4 was born in 1899 in middle Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, M.E. Griffin created a special barbecue sauce at his home in Macon, Georgia,
6 to please the tastes of his wife and children, and on July 4, 1931, the famous Mrs. Griffin's
7 Barbecue Sauce was introduced to the Griffin family by M.E. Griffin; and

8 WHEREAS, M.E. Griffin began to sell his stellar barbecue sauce in 1935, thus establishing
9 Mrs. Griffin's Barbecue Sauce, which he named in honor of his wife, Etta Busbee Griffin,
10 because he believed that a woman's name would sell better than a man's; and

11 WHEREAS, M.E. Griffin expanded his business and built a plant in downtown Macon,
12 Georgia, in 1949, where he continued to please the taste buds of barbecue lovers across the
13 South until his retirement in 1965; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin's Barbecue Sauce, the oldest sauce in the South, is now owned and
15 operated by Roland Neel, who continues to run the business in the tradition set out by M.E.
16 Griffin in 1935; and

17 WHEREAS, this mustard-based barbecue sauce is sold to wholesalers, grocery stores,
18 barbecue restaurants, and selected food service companies, and middle Georgia's oldest and
19 most popular local barbecue sauce continues to grow throughout the Southeast.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body congratulate Mrs. Griffin's Barbecue Sauce upon the grand
22 occasion of its 80th anniversary and extend best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
25 Griffin's Barbecue Sauce.