

## House Resolution 1541

By: Representatives Carter of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, and Crawford of the 89<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Anthony J. Royal, Sr., and Mrs. Leslie E. Royal; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony J. Royal, Sr., affectionately known as Tony Royal, is a respected  
3 entrepreneur, faith leader, and community advocate whose life reflects the wisdom of  
4 Ecclesiastes 3:7: “to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the  
5 heaven.”; and

6 WHEREAS, through each season, he has faithfully pursued excellence in business, service,  
7 and family; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Royal began his journey in the restaurant industry at just 17 years old  
9 working at KFC; over the years, he gained extensive experience in quick-service operations  
10 and later served as an Operator of a Chick-fil-A restaurant for 16 years where he sharpened  
11 his leadership skills and deepened his commitment to customer service and operational  
12 excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, transitioning from the corporate environment to entrepreneurship, he  
14 courageously embraced the challenges of small business ownership; and

15 WHEREAS, today, Mr. Royal is the proud Owner and Operator of Robert’s Soul Food  
16 Restaurant, a beloved dining destination in Lithonia, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, known for its warm hospitality and authentic down-home cuisine, the restaurant  
18 serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner featuring signature dishes such as oxtails, neckbones,  
19 smothered Salisbury steak, fried chicken, fried pork chops, fried fish, and homemade desserts  
20 including sweet potato pie and lemon glaze pound cake; and

21 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the restaurant has become more than a place to dine—it  
22 is a gathering space where community and fellowship flourish; and

23 WHEREAS, building upon this legacy of excellence, Mr. and Mrs. Royal are now  
24 celebrating the opening of their newest restaurant, Blessings, a powerful testament to their  
25 continued growth, faith, and commitment to serving the community through quality food and  
26 meaningful relationships; and

27 WHEREAS, the launch of Blessings marks another significant milestone in their  
28 entrepreneurial journey and reflects their unwavering dedication to expanding opportunities,  
29 creating jobs, and strengthening the local economy; and

30 WHEREAS, beyond his business accomplishments, Mr. Royal is the Founder and Executive  
31 Director of Forty Days to Deliverance, Inc., a nonprofit born from a God-given vision to  
32 empower men who are homeless, unemployed, or seeking direction; and

33 WHEREAS, through counseling, workforce development, educational support, and vital  
34 community resources, the organization has restored hope and transformed lives; and

35 WHEREAS, he also serves as President and Lead Certified Inspector of Get RIGHT  
36 Inspections and remains active in ministry at Berean Christian Church, where he faithfully  
37 serves in the Deacons Ministry and Men’s Ministry; and

38 WHEREAS, central to his success is the steadfast partnership of his wife of 38 years, Mrs.  
39 Leslie E. Royal; together, they have built a legacy grounded in faith, family, and service; and

40 WHEREAS, they are the proud parents of Antasha and Jay, cherish their son-in-love Julius,  
41 and delight in their roles as “G-Daddy” and grandmother to their granddaughters, Kedei  
42 Savanna and Kemi Mae; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Royal exemplify entrepreneurial excellence, faith-driven  
44 leadership, and heartfelt community service.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
46 the members of this body commend and congratulate Mr. Anthony J. Royal, Sr., and Mrs.  
47 Leslie E. Royal for their outstanding achievements in the restaurant industry, for their  
48 continued impact through Robert’s Soul Food Restaurant, and for the successful opening of  
49 their newest restaurant, Blessings, and extended sincere best wishes for continued prosperity,  
50 growth, and abundant success in all their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
52 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
53 Anthony J. Royal, Sr., and Mrs. Leslie E. Royal.