

By Senator King

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1 Senate Resolution No. _____

2 A resolution recognizing and commemorating the
3 lifetime accomplishments of Chris J. Kalfas.

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5 WHEREAS, Chris J. Kalfas was born on August 31, 1929,
6 in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, but soon thereafter moved with his
7 family to Tallahassee, and

8 WHEREAS, Chris Kalfas attended the Leon County public
9 schools where he was a star member of the Leon High School
10 track and football teams, holding the record in the 100-yard
11 dash, and

12 WHEREAS, Chris Kalfas attended and graduated from The
13 Florida State University where he was lineman on Florida
14 State's first two football teams in 1947 and 1948, and

15 WHEREAS, Chris continued to be an enthusiastic FSU
16 supporter for the rest of his life, providing scores of young
17 people with loans and scholarships to attend his Alma Mater,
18 and becoming one of the first members and organizers of the
19 Golden Chiefs whose members individually contribute \$10,000 or
20 more annually to the FSU football program, and

21 WHEREAS, After graduating from Florida State in 1951,
22 Chris Kalfas entered the family business, becoming the manager
23 of The Silver Slipper, which his father Jimmy had established
24 in 1938, and which he was to guide with great success through
25 good times and bad for nearly 50 years, and

26 WHEREAS, "Daddy Chris," as he came to be known to
27 governors, legislators, business leaders, lobbyists, and just
28 regular Tallahassee "folk" alike over the decades always
29 treated people as if they were one of his family, and

30 WHEREAS, "Daddy Chris," who was never judgmental, had a
31 gift for putting people at ease and a smile on their faces,

1 thereby creating a Cheers mentality among his loyal, long-time
2 customers as well as the "walk-ins," and

3 WHEREAS, The Slipper continued to grow from its
4 original "digs" on South Monroe Street into a multi-faceted
5 restaurant business located on its own street that was
6 appropriately designated by the Mayor and the City Commission
7 as Silver Slipper Lane, and

8 WHEREAS, "Daddy Chris" was a Shriner and a member of
9 numerous civic and professional organizations, including the
10 Florida Restaurant Association of which he was an organizing
11 member and the Governor's Council on Tourism, and

12 WHEREAS, Chris Kalfas was an ardent fisherman and
13 golfer whose chief passion his entire life was operating The
14 Slipper, a Tallahassee Institution that is regularly ranked
15 among Florida's top 200 restaurants and in 1997 was named one
16 of Florida's top 20 restaurants by Florida Trend magazine, and

17 WHEREAS, there has been established the Chris J. Kalfas
18 Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Department of Hospitality
19 Administration of the College of Business at The Florida State
20 University to evidence the life-long love and loyalty that
21 "Daddy Chris" gave to his Alma Mater, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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25 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commemorates the
26 lifetime accomplishments of Chris J. Kalfas.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
28 be presented to the family of Chris J. Kalfas as a tangible
29 token of the esteem held by the Florida Senate.

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