

By Representative Andrews

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the lifetime
3 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 Leon County public
9 schools, where he was a star member of the Leon High School
10 track and football teams, and

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, "Daddy Chris," as he came to be known to
26 governors, legislators, business leaders, lobbyists, and just
27 regular Tallahassee "folk" alike over the ensuing decades
28 always treated people as if they were members of his family,
29 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 Silver Slipper continued to grow from its
4 original "digs" on South Monroe Street into a multifaceted
5 restaurant business located on its own street, appropriately
6 designated by the Mayor and the City Commission as Silver
7 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 Silver Slipper, a Tallahassee institution that is regularly
15 ranked among Florida's top 200 restaurants and, in 1997, was
16 named one of Florida's top 20 restaurants by Florida Trend
17 magazine, and

18 WHEREAS, there has been established the Chris J. Kalfas
19 Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Department of Hospitality
20 Administration of the College of Business at the Florida State
21 University to evidence the lifelong love and loyalty that
22 "Daddy Chris" gave to his alma mater, NOW, THEREFORE,

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24 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
25 Florida:

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27 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
28 commemorates the lifetime accomplishments of Chris J. Kalfas.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
30 be presented to the family of Chris J. Kalfas as a tangible

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1 token of the great esteem held for Chris Kalfas by the Florida
2 House of Representatives.
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