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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring Lillie Belle Jones and her contributions to the life and culture of Palatka, Florida.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Belle Jones, or "Miss Belle," as she is still affectionately known, was for many years the proprietor of Granger's Cafe in Palatka, Florida, an anchor of Palatka's black business district, and

WHEREAS, Miss Belle, one of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Granger, Sr., began working in Granger's Cafe in 1946 when her parents opened the business and eventually took over ownership and operation of the cafe until it closed its doors in 1989, and

WHEREAS, Granger's Cafe prided itself on welcoming all customers, black and white alike; on serving only one kind of food - Soul Food; and on providing a warm and congenial atmosphere for community socializing, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie Belle Jones continues to be held in the highest regard as a cherished member of the Palatka community and has earned the respect and admiration of all who have known her, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate salutes Mrs. Lillie Belle Jones as an individual of outstanding character and exceptional determination and commends her on her success as a businesswoman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mrs.

1 Lillie Belle Jones as a tangible token of the sentiments of
2 the Florida Senate.
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