

By Senator Evers

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 14-24, 2015, in commemoration of the life and legacy of Chef Earl Peyroux.

WHEREAS, Chef Earl Peyroux was born on October 24, 1924, in New Orleans, where he inherited a love for Creole cooking from his mother and grandmother and at a young age realized that gourmet cooking need not be expensive or complicated, and

WHEREAS, Chef Earl Peyroux studied at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, was invited by the Spanish government to study at Alambique Cooking School in Madrid, and studied with culinary legends Julia Child, Jacques Pépin, Paul Prudhomme, Giuliano Bugialli, Marcella Hazan, and Shoeman Tsunoda, and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Chef Earl Peyroux moved to Pensacola, where he dedicated his time to teaching and sharing his extensive culinary knowledge with students at Pensacola Junior College, which is now Pensacola State College, and

WHEREAS, Chef Earl Peyroux developed the pioneering cooking program "Gourmet Cooking," which first aired in 1977, ran for 660 episodes over 18 years, and was syndicated nationwide by 140 public broadcasting stations, and

WHEREAS, "Gourmet Cooking" was one of the first television programs of its kind, inspiring beginner and professional chefs alike, motivating many people to choose culinary arts careers, and leading to an entire genre of demonstration cooking shows, and

WHEREAS, Chef Earl Peyroux authored seven cookbooks featuring Creole and French-inspired dishes and is remembered as

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30 a Southern gentleman whose love of cooking was rivaled only by
31 his desire to share his cooking tips with others, and

32 WHEREAS, Chef Earl Peyroux passed away on October 23, 2003,
33 after a long and distinguished career, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That, in honor of Chef Earl Peyroux's development of one of
38 the first nationally syndicated cooking programs on public
39 television and his tireless work on behalf of Pensacola State
40 College and WSRE-TV, the public broadcasting station for the
41 Gulf Coast, October 14-24, 2015, is recognized in commemoration
42 of his contributions to the City of Pensacola, the State of
43 Florida, and the nation.