

By Senator Gainer

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Senate Resolution

A resolution congratulating Jimmy and Johnny Patronis as they celebrate 50 years at the helm of Capt. Anderson's in Panama City Beach.

WHEREAS, since 1967, Capt. Anderson's, now known as Capt. Anderson's Restaurant and Waterfront Market, has been owned by brothers Jimmy and Johnny Patronis, who grew up in a Tallahassee family restaurant business, and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Patronis brothers have worked at Capt. Anderson's nearly every business day, alternating day shifts and night shifts every other day, and meeting between shifts to plan the next day, and

WHEREAS, offering the best of the Gulf Coast's seafood fare, Capt. Anderson's has won the loyalty of millions of customers and friends and has earned a spot among America's top 50 restaurants, and

WHEREAS, Capt. Anderson's has won numerous honors and awards, including being named "Best Seafood Restaurant" by *Southern Living* and receiving *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence" and, in 2005, receiving the highest honor of induction into *Florida Trend's* Restaurant Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, Capt. Anderson's works year-round with fishermen, oystermen, and others who make their livings harvesting seafood from the Gulf and Bay waters to preserve and protect the fragile coastal ecology, and

WHEREAS, Capt. Anderson's has grown to 725 seats, employs a 177-member staff with an average length of employment exceeding 25 years, and serves more than 250,000 guests during its 8-month

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30 season, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That the members of the Senate extend their congratulations
35 to Jimmy and Johnny Patronis as they celebrate 50 years at the
36 helm of Capt. Anderson's.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
38 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jimmy and Johnny
39 Patronis as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
40 Senate.