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8 COMMENDING DEMETRI'S BARBEQUE RESTAURANT IN  
9 HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, in 1950, Tyke Nakos immigrated from Greece  
12 through the Port of New Orleans; he held several jobs before  
13 he was in a position to launch his own business; he relied on  
14 the culinary and business skills he acquired working at a  
15 barbecue restaurant in Ensley, Alabama, before moving to  
16 Homewood to open the El Rancho Restaurant in 1961; and

17 WHEREAS, following more than a decade of hard work,  
18 during which time he helped define what is considered  
19 traditional barbecue, Mr. Nakos opened Demetri's Barbeque  
20 Restaurant in Homewood, Alabama, which offered fine food in a  
21 family setting to diners throughout the Birmingham  
22 Metropolitan Area; and

23 WHEREAS, over the next six decades, Demetri's  
24 Barbeque Restaurant evolved into a landmark in downtown  
25 Homewood; it became a meeting place for workers to enjoy  
26 breakfast on their way to work; the patrons also crowded into

1 the restaurant to enjoy plates of barbecue, sandwiches,  
2 salads, and fresh vegetables for lunch and dinner; and

3 WHEREAS, Demetri's Barbeque is now recognized as the  
4 oldest restaurant in Homewood continuously operated by the  
5 same family; it continues to have the warm welcome from the  
6 Nakos family that was introduced 60 years ago; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize and commend  
9 Demetri's Barbeque Restaurant on their 60 years of operation  
10 and service in Homewood and the Birmingham Metropolitan Area;  
11 and this resolution is offered to them with heartiest  
12 congratulations and best wishes for continued success.