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SJR___ COMMENDING LANNIE'S BAR-B-Q SPOT ON BEING NAMED ONE OF USA TODAY'S 2025 RESTAURANTS OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we commend Lannie's Bar-B-Q Spot, a Selma institution and one of the oldest barbecue restaurants in Alabama, for being named one of USA Today's 2025 Restaurants of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the USA Today list includes 45 restaurants in 27 states, from white-tablecloth restaurants to taco stands and burger joints; Lannie's is the only Alabama restaurant on the list, which was compiled by food writers across the USA Today Network; the USA Today writers chose "restaurants that surprise and delight them, ones that they return to again and again, ones they like to recommend to out-of-towners"; and

WHEREAS, for five generations, Lannie's Bar-B-Q Spot has served customers just across Minter Avenue from where it all started 80 years ago; along the way, it has weathered storms, both natural and political, and is ready to face the coming decades in a brand-new building; the operators are not the only generational component in this formula of smoked pork, fried fish, burgers, and fries; customers, too, have been coming here for generations; the fiery red, vinegar-based sauce is just as ingrained in the history here as the dark prairie soil that gives the Black Belt region



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29 its name; and

30 WHEREAS, Lannie's story goes back to 1944, when
31 founders Lannie and Will Travis started barbecuing hogs in a
32 cinder-block pit next to their Minter Avenue home; last
33 summer, a year after tearing down their old building, the
34 grandchildren of the founders reopened the family business
35 in a new, larger space that will continue Lannie's tradition
36 for years to come; and

37 WHEREAS, tucked away in a historically Black
38 neighborhood in eastern Selma, the family-owned barbecue
39 joint has always been a place where everyone felt welcome;
40 even during the turbulent 1960s, when Selma was on the front
41 lines of the Civil Rights Movement, Lannie's was a calm in
42 the storm; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lannie's Bar-B-Q Spot is
45 highly commended and congratulated for being chosen as one
46 of USA Today's 2025 Restaurants of the Year, and best wishes
47 are extended for continued success in all future endeavors.