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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 141

Offered February 18, 2022

Commending Brion's Grille.

Patrons—Petersen; Delegate: Bulova

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Brion's Grille, a beloved eatery in the heart of Fairfax County, enriched the George Mason University community as a social gathering place for students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, George Mason University (GMU) alumnus Brion Sumser established Brion's Grille in 1989 and built strong connections with his alma mater from the beginning; as a former member of the GMU men's basketball team, he decorated the restaurant with school memorabilia and even named certain dishes after members of the institution's athletics department; and

WHEREAS, Brion's Grille grew to become the GMU community's premier unofficial meeting place, with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors celebrating the institution's legacy while enjoying delicious meals and good company; and

WHEREAS, Brion Sumser supported fundraising efforts for the GMU athletics department through the Patriot Club Advisory Board and was honored by the Green Coat Society for his consistent generous donations to the institution; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Brion's Grille offered discounts for alumni and homecoming events, donated food to hospitality rooms for basketball games and two university golf tournaments, provided food and meeting space for the Green Machine Pep Band banquet, and provided low-cost lunches to attendees of a children's summer camp on campus; and

WHEREAS, Brion's Grille closed in 2021, having served countless customers and enhanced campus life for generations of GMU Patriots; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brion's Grille for more than 30 years of service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brion Sumser, founder of Brion's Grille, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Fairfax community.

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