

House Resolution 1823

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Alexander of the 66th, Carter of the 92nd, Bennett of the 94th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. James L. Virgil; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, growing up as a sharecropper on a small farm outside of Hazlehurst,
3 Mississippi, Mr. James L. Virgil had humble beginnings, which taught him obedience,
4 discipline, and respect for authority; and

5 WHEREAS, upon the passing of his father, Mr. Virgil was left to manage the farm business
6 at the tender age of eight; from this experience, he nurtured the entrepreneurial vision he had
7 obtained from helping his father; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Virgil grew up to be known as Mr. V and opened Mr. V's Figure8, one of
9 the most successful and exciting food and beverage businesses in history, and chronicled the
10 entire operating details from start to finish in a book entitled, *Restaurant Ignorance*; and

11 WHEREAS, when opening Mr. V's Figure8, Mr. Virgil made sure that each member of the
12 work force was properly trained, organized, and utilized time efficiently to promote effective
13 time management skills and a safe environment; and

14 WHEREAS, his business model also emphasizes effective leadership and assigned places for
15 usage and storage; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Virgil's significant organizational and leadership talents and his keen sense
17 of vision make it abundantly fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. James L. Virgil for his exemplary
20 entrepreneurial skills and extend to him their best wishes for continued success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
23 James L. Virgil.