

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Russ and Daughters upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize illustrious culinary establishments which have positively impacted and substantially contributed to the vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Russ and Daughters upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Russ and Daughters first opened in 1914, and from the beginning, served as a focal point for the immigrant neighborhood that has been the starting place for generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, For over 100 years, Russ and Daughters has remained committed to providing quality smoked fish and other appetizing delicacies; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed New York institution was founded by Joel Russ, an Eastern European immigrant who arrived in America in 1907; he began selling pickled herring and Polish mushrooms out of a pushcart to cater to the large numbers of Jewish immigrants settling in the Lower East Side of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1914, Joel Russ opened J Russ International Appetizers, at a storefront around the corner from the current location, beginning a tradition of excellence that would endure to the present day; and

WHEREAS, In 1933, the business was renamed "Russ and Daughters" after Joel Russ made his three daughters, Hattie, Ida and Anne, partners in the store; historically, businesses only took on the name "and sons", but since Joel Russ only had daughters, the store forged ahead in its own unique way; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Russ and Daughters became renowned and much beloved for their wonderful offerings and delicious menu items; throughout this time it has served as a gathering place for generations of Jewish and non-Jewish customers seeking a great nosh; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, a fourth generation of the Russ family officially took the helm at the venerable shop; Niki Russ Federman, daughter of former owner Mark Russ Federman, and her cousin Josh Russ Tupper, have admirably carried on the legacy of their forebears after discovering a passion for the family business while working in other careers; and

WHEREAS, There is no town square in New York City more vibrant than Russ and Daughters on the day before an important holiday; and

WHEREAS, Russ and Daughters has been featured in the PBS documentary, "The Jews of New York," highlighting the contributions of multiple generations of the Russ Family during the past century; furthermore, it has also been featured in the movie, "Lola Versus", and on an episode of the TV series "Louie"; and

WHEREAS, Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Russ and Daughters continues to honor the spirit of the historic Lower East Side's Yiddish tradition, keeping it alive in their menus and signs; and

WHEREAS, A century of exceptional culinary tradition flourishes on to yet another century with the opening of the Russ and Daughters Cafe on Orchard Street on the Lower East Side; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and state economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Russ and Daughters upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Russ and Daughters.