



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of 50 Years *Howard's Delicatessen*

Whereas: Howard's Delicatessen has been a Smyrna landmark for the past 50 years with a tradition of serving good food, at a fair price, in a family atmosphere; and

Whereas: In 1964, after 18 years of being the club manager for the American Legion Post 160 in Smyrna, Howard Martin opened Howard's Delicatessen in Pat Mell Center on Pat Mell Road. Howard's idea was to have a restaurant that served good food and alcoholic beverages in a family atmosphere. At the time, there were no restaurants in Smyrna like that; and

Whereas: The restaurant thrived, and in 1980 expanded when the adjoining space became available, doubling in size. Howard's became very popular in the Smyrna community and was the place to meet after a softball or high school game; and

Whereas: Howard passed away in 1984 leaving the restaurant to his son, Bobby, who had been working in the business since 1974. Bobby, along with his wife Sandra, were determined to continue the same level of quality and service that Howard had strived for; and

Whereas: In 1986, Bobby had the opportunity to relocate across the street into a much larger space at Cobb Center. The new space was completely remodeled and continued to grow for the next 5 years. In 1991, when it began to look like Cobb Center was to close, Bobby was able to purchase the former Western Steer property on Concord Road, the current home of Howard's. This property being larger and closer to the center of Smyrna, was the perfect place for Howard's to continue for the next 23 years; and

Whereas: Howard's has been a part of many Smyrna residents as they celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, or just being a place for customers to see and visit with friends and neighbors. Howard's is very fortunate to have had so many great, loyal customers, as well as staff, and is proud to have called Smyrna home for the past 50 years; now

Therefore: I, A. Max Bacon, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2014 as a day of recognition for Howard's Delicatessen and encourage all city residents, officials, and staff to congratulate Bobby and Sandra Martin, and the entire staff on their many accomplishments and contributions to the community.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon
this 21st day of July in the
year of Our Lord 2014.*

Mayor

A. Max Bacon

