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Introduction
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A Senate resolution

congratulating Abdirahman Kahin of Afro Deli and Grill on being named Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration names one outstanding small business owner from each state as Business Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes business owners who embody the spirit of entrepreneurship and represent the vibrancy, innovation, and determination of the nation's small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year is Abdirahman Kahin, CEO and founder of Afro Deli and Grill; and

WHEREAS, Afro Deli and Grill is a fusion restaurant that offers a taste of African, Mediterranean, and American flavors in a fast-casual environment that seeks to meld business, community, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Abdirahman opened the first Afro Deli and Grill location in Minneapolis' Cedar-Riverside neighborhood in 2010 with the goal of filling a gap in the Twin Cities food scene. He has since expanded to four successful locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Abdirahman will be recognized on Sunday, April 30 and Monday, May 1 during the National Small Business Week awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. At the event, one of the state/territory winners will be announced as the 2023 National Small Business Person of the Year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commends Abdirahman Kahin on being named the Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year and wish him continued success with Afro Deli and Grill and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Abdirahman Kahin.

Tom Bottern
Secretary of the Senate

Kari Dziedzic
Chair, Senate Committee on
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Sandra L. Pappas
State Senator, District 65