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BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION RECOGNIZES CHARLOTTE RESTAURATEURS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (February 24, 2017) – Koffee Kup Café on West Boulevard is hosting a reception on Monday, February 27 at 2pm to recognize the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to Charlotte’s culinary traditions in celebration of Black History Month. The celebration will honor Charlotte’s black restaurant owners, chefs, and workers. Councilwoman LaWana Mayfield will present honorees with an official proclamation from the City of Charlotte recognizing their achievements. Charlotte Kitchen Cabinet, a civic engagement program for the city’s hospitality industry, is sponsoring the event.

Councilwoman Mayfield says she is excited to recognize these Charlotteans.

“Black History Month is the perfect time to honor our city’s African and African-American chefs and restaurant owners. Their investments make Charlotte a great place to eat, work, and therefore, a great place to live.”

Chef Michael Bowling will be one of the chefs in attendance. Bowling runs Soul Food Sessions, a project designed to challenge preconceived notions about black cooking, with three other Charlotte chefs.

“The culinary contributions black people have made to Charlotte’s unique culture are undeniable,” said Bowling.

“The fun part about this event is that we get to bring people together who are cooking more traditional food, as well as chefs who are experimenting more. It shows the richness of our culinary traditions, as well as the innovative spirit that has always defined black culture,” said Bowling.

Koffee Kup owners Yolanda and Anthony Crowder say they are excited to bring the community together to celebrate.

“When we opened Koffee Kup, we imagined it as a place people could come together to celebrate good food and community. We’re honored to welcome other great black restaurant owners and chefs from all across the city, as well as people of all backgrounds who want to celebrate.” said Anthony Crowder.

This event is open to the public but attendees are asked to [RSVP here](#). Koffee Kup Café is located at 1520 West Blvd.

In honor of Black History Month, Charlotte Kitchen Cabinet compiled profiles of some of Charlotte's black restaurant owners and workers. Those stories can be read [here](#).

About Charlotte Kitchen Cabinet: Charlotte Kitchen Cabinet is a civic engagement program committed to growing and preserving opportunity in the restaurant industry and strengthening the communities in which we live and work. This initiative works closely with non-profit organizations and government officials to ensure that restaurants remain a strong pillar in our economy and continue to create opportunities for all Americans. Kitchen Cabinet is focused on establishing a working group of informed, active and motivated hospitality community members to serve as industry ambassadors with policymakers, opinion leaders, community leaders and partner organizations, and is designed to build bridges and foster long-term relationships with local elected officials and the community.