

An Executive Order

As mentioned last week, President George H. W. Bush once ate at Coppel's Café 121 in the waning days of his Presidency. After writing the story, it was brought to my attention that Bush is not the only President to have visited the eatery.

According to one local, Bill Clinton also dined at the restaurant. The visit took place well before his Presidency and even before he began campaigning. No fanfare surrounded the stop and it drew little notice. In fact, the evidence suggests that the future President came with no intention beyond ordering and eating his lunch. But for a handful of locals who happened to recognize Clinton, it seems likely that memory of the visit would have been lost to time.

In these days of rampant partisanship, perhaps we need the return of this diner, apparently capable of bringing both political parties to the table.

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