

 [The finalists for this year's James Beard Foundation Awards](#) were announced this morning in Chicago, IL and [posted to the organization's website](#). Among the nominees for outstanding restaurant is Birmingham's [Highlands Bar and Grill](#). It is the sixth year in a row it has been a finalist for the prestigious award.

[Business Insider posted about the announcement yesterday on their own website](#) (it was syndicated on several others) and were apparently not aware of the restaurant's current streak, writing it was a "somewhat surprisingly" inclusion. It is co-owned by 2001 winner of the James Beard award for Best Chef - Southeast, and 2011 Who's Who of Food & Beverage inductee [Frank Stitt](#). The restaurateur, [based on this AL.com piece shared today](#), is treating the nomination as old-hat.

The winners will be announced during a ceremony in early May in New York City.