

[Bojangles' comes to Washington's Union Station](#) (Washington Post - April 1, 2011)

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From left, skateboarder Darren Harper (in blue hat), actor Anwan Glover, Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.), franchisee Keith Haywood and others mark the opening of Washington's first Bojangles'.

Not every fast food chain [opening](#) can draw two members of congress and “The Wire” actor Anwan Glover. But then, not every fast food place is Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits. The beloved Southern franchise made its first foray into Washington yesterday in the Union Station food court, and Washingtonians are apparently

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the news.

North Carolina representatives Sue Myrick (R) and Mel Watt (D) both came to support the chain that calls their state home. (Maybe later they can work on the budget issues over a box of chicken?).

I've always gone out of my way for those seasoned fries, light and fluffy biscuits and sweet tea, so I couldn't miss the opening, either.

Between 2 and 6 p.m. yesterday, the chain was giving away a free meal and drink. When I arrived around 5:30 p.m., there was a line about 75 people deep.□

It stretched the length of the counter, wrapped back around and ran along several kiosks through the food court.

At one point, as I got closer to the register, a man near me asked what was going on.

“It just opened today,” said the guy behind me.

“They're giving away free meals,” I explained.

"And," said another 20-something guy, with a bit of a drawl, "it's Bojangles'."

Quite right. Most of us probably would have paid.