



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JIM & PETE'S RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1941, brothers-in-law Jim Sorce Sr. and Pete Pizzo opened Jim & Pete's as a counter-service pizzeria at Chicago Avenue and Pulaski Road in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, a few years later, the two parted ways and Sorce Sr. moved the pizzeria to River Forest, near the corner of North and Harlem avenues; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sorce Sr. couldn't afford a new sign when he moved the business so the old Jim and Pete's sign came with him even though there was no longer a Pete involved in the business; and

WHEREAS, after spending more than thirty years at the River Forest location, the restaurant moved north across the street and a few blocks west to its current Elmwood Park location at 7806 W. North Avenue; and

WHEREAS, although both original owners are deceased, the current owners, Jimmy Sorce Jr. and Michael Bucchianeri, expanded the business in 1991, doubling the size of the restaurant and offering a full-service bar; and

WHEREAS, Sorce Jr. and Bucchianeri remain committed to using the finest ingredients and designed a menu that balances updated items with traditional favorites, such as fried calamari, pasta, and meatballs, which they make by the thousands each week; and

WHEREAS, Jim & Pete's famous pizza-the recipe unchanged since 1941-remains a menu favorite; and

WHEREAS, many of the restaurant's 42 employees have been with Jim & Pete's for years-some, for almost two decades or more-which has helped to create the restaurant's welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, to thank its customers, Jim & Pete's will be offering anniversary specials throughout the month of April and will be giving away gift cards to diners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the owners and employees of Jim & Pete's for their decades of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be tendered to Jim & Pete's as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary.