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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Workingman's
2 Friend restaurant.

3 *Whereas, The Workingman's Friend, the Indianapolis*
4 *restaurant famous for its smashed and crispy-around-the-edges*
5 *hamburgers, is 100 years old, opening on January 25, 1918;*

6 *Whereas, The Workingman's Friend was founded by a*
7 *Macedonian immigrant named Louis Stamatkin to feed local*
8 *railroad workers;*

9 *Whereas, One hundred years later, the Workingman's Friend*
10 *is still family-owned and operated by Becky Stamatkin, the*
11 *granddaughter of Louis;*

12 *Whereas, According to Becky Stamatkin, Louis Stamatkin*

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1 *was about 7 years old when, in 1907, he came to the United*
2 *States on a ship named Europa;*

3 *Whereas, At 19 years old he opened the Workingman's*
4 *Friend with the help of a fellow Macedonian transplanted who*
5 *gave him napkins, condiments, and other supplies;*

6 *Whereas, Originally named Belmont Lunch, a newspaper*
7 *advertisement promoting Belmont Lunch's 19th anniversary in*
8 *1937 stated, "The largest assortment of whiskey on the west*
9 *side. Half-pints 84¢. A shot 10¢ and up. Louie, the Working*
10 *Man's Friend" and prompted the name change;*

11 *Whereas, After Louis died at the age of 46, his sons Carl and*
12 *Earl took over, expanding the restaurant significantly;*

13 *Whereas, By the late 1960s, the brothers were ready to*
14 *expand the restaurant once again;*

15 *Whereas, However, a disagreement arose between the*
16 *brothers resulting in Earl's retirement in 1968; and*

17 *Whereas, The Workingman's Friend has been a part of*
18 *Indianapolis history for more than 100 years, supplying food,*
19 *drink, and much needed companionship to tired workers:*
20 *Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
22 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
24 congratulates the Workingman's Friend for 100 years of
25 dedicated service to the community.

26 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Becky
28 Stamatkin.

