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Resolution recognizing John and Cindy Sidoff for their ownership and dedication to Hooligan's Super Bar.

WHEREAS,

JOHN AND CINDY SIDOFF

were recognized for their dedication to Hooligan's Super Bar and the east side as they passed ownership on to Mark Buesing, a longtime staff member, during a special celebration held at the bar on October 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *John Sidoff purchased Hooligan's while in graduate school, taking a loan from his father with the goal of creating a bar that would be "on the cutting edge of goofiness" and throughout the bar's many phases this initial goal was maintained, whether it be through humorous help wanted signs like "cook wanted, must know how to cook" or through the variety of characters who filtered through the east side landmark; and*

WHEREAS, *John hired his wife Cindy three months into his ownership and the two of them worked together to improve the bar, and adapted to changes to Milwaukee's east side, as when John took over the east side had a much different feel than it does today, as it was considered 'Bohemian' and Hooligan's played host to numerous live music acts, including The Violent Femmes and the BoDeans; and*

WHEREAS, *John and Cindy Sidoff contributed to the bar's development throughout the years, expanded when they discontinued live music and created an upstairs dining room serving Hooligan's award-winning food (alongside craft beers and other adult beverages), and nurtured outdoor sidewalk tables and seating that added to the festive and relaxed atmosphere of the area, which John also served as a founding board member of the East Side B.I.D. from 1998 until January 2011; and*

WHEREAS, *John and Cindy Sidoff, as well as their dedicated employees, have created many memories at Hooligan's, ranging from the time that John fell asleep on the bar and proceeded to roll onto the beer taps and drain four kegs, to the local woman who would search the trash to find leftover sandwich papers to make hats that she would sell for a dollar, and it wasn't strange on a Friday night to see a few patrons with these hats on their heads; and*

WHEREAS, *During the past 35 years John and Cindy Sidoff have worked to turn Hooligan's into a thriving business, but one that still stays true to roots as a place for "goofiness" and good times, and the Sidoffs treated their employees and customers with respect, and nurtured a longstanding tradition on Milwaukee's east side that will now be maintained by longtime general manager, and now owner, Mark Buesing; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes John and Cindy Sidoff for their 35 years of ownership of Hooligan's Super Bar, and thanks them for making Hooligan's a pillar of Milwaukee's east side and for their many valuable contributions to the east side, the B.I.D. and the community, and wishes them continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to John and Cindy Sidoff.*

Introduced by Common Council member Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2013.