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*Resolution congratulating Catfish Lounge on its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **CATFISH LOUNGE**

*saluted 31 years of operation, still at its original location on 3646 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee;  
and*

**WHEREAS,** *James, a.k.a. Mr. Catfish, Gladney was born in Calhoun City, Mississippi on July 6, 1941, and upon moving to Milwaukee began working at A.O. Smith spending more than 30 years there before he retired, and upon retirement James Gladney opened Catfish Lounge at the corner of W. Teutonia Ave. and N. Nash St. on September 1, 1987; and*

**WHEREAS,** *James Gladney is a believer in the importance of family, being married to Jamie Gladney for more than 56 years with three children and six grandchildren all of whom have taken part in running the business over the years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *James Gladney prides himself on being a family man and a business man, and has been a mentor to business owners along with young men and women in his community throughout the years, highlighting the true value of hard work, dedication and commitment; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Catfish Lounge has remained as staple for the city of Milwaukee for 31 years continuing a tradition of celebrating family, fun and good times, and the Gladney family still work hard every day to bring quality service, food, love and a good time to the people of Milwaukee and beyond; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Catfish Lounge for its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary, recognizes its positive impact on the community and offers sincere wishes for its continued success and prosperity; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Catfish Lounge.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 5, 2018.**