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Resolution congratulating Bryant's Cocktail Lounge for celebrating its 80th anniversary

WHEREAS,

BRYANT'S COCKTAIL LOUNGE

celebrated its 80th anniversary on October 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, *Bryant Sharp originally opened what is now Bryant's Cocktail Lounge in 1936 as a beer hall, but within two years Sharp decided to give up the beer and stick to serving cocktails making Bryant's the first cocktail lounge in Milwaukee and possibly the first in the state of Wisconsin and since these humble beginnings Bryant's has continued to grow and prosper; and*

WHEREAS, *Since the original owner's passing in 1960, Bryant's was purchased by former employee Pat Malmberg, who kept the original drink recipes but added some of his own unique touches, including the second floor 'Velvet Lounge,' and after a tragic fire in 1971 Pat rebuilt the bar with only the finest materials; and*

WHEREAS, *Today Bryant's maintains its original cocktail lounge motif, including the plush seats and gold-plated cash register and strives to preserve what the original owners created, continuing to serve the best original cocktails in a true 'cocktail lounge' environment complete with plenty of dark corners for the perfect date night or a fun night out with friends; and*

WHEREAS *Bryant's Cocktail Lounge was named one of Esquire's "Best Bars," in 2012 now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bryant's Cocktail Lounge on its 80th anniversary and commends the establishment on behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee, and extends wishes for continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Bryant's Cocktail Lounge.*

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