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*Resolution congratulating Justin Aprahamian on winning a James Beard Award.*

**WHEREAS,**

**JUSTIN APRAHAMIAN**

*was honored with a James Beard Award at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in Manhattan, New York by the James Beard Foundation on May 2, 2014, for best chef Midwest; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Having previously been a finalist for rising chef of the year and best chef Midwest, this was Justin Aprahamian's first James Beard Award; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Justin Aprahamian grew up in New Berlin, Wisconsin, and graduated from Waukesha County Technical College's culinary program; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Justin Aprahamian was chef de cuisine at Sanford before purchasing the four-star restaurant with his now-wife, Sarah Aprahamian, from its founders, Sanford "Sandy" and Angie D'Amato, in 2012 and moved it to 1547 N. Jackson St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The sole nominee from Wisconsin, Justin Aprahamian accepted the award with his parents, Leonard and Nancy Aprahamian, in attendance, and thanked them, Sarah Aprahamian and Sanford "Sandy" and Angie D'Amato for all their support; and*

**WHEREAS,** *James Beard was a cookbook author, teacher and champion of American cuisine, and the non-profit James Beard Foundation strives to celebrate, nurture and honor America's culinary heritage; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Justin Aprahamian for winning the James Beard Award for best chef Midwest, commends him for his outstanding service in the community and wishes for him success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to James Beard award winner Justin Aprahamian; and.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Michael J. Murphy, Robert J. Bauman and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2014.**