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Resolution recognizing Nite Owl Drive-In on its 75th anniversary.

NITE OWL DRIVE-IN

located at 830 E. Layton Ave. celebrated its 75th year of business; and

***WHEREAS**, Ralph Roepke took over Bob's Airport Custard in 1948 and renamed the business Roepke's Airport Custard, and less than a decade later, the structure was demolished to make way for its current iteration before the business shifted its focus from custard to ice cream and burgers in 1968 eventually rebranding as Nite Owl Drive-In Ice Cream Parlor & Sandwich Shoppe; and*

***WHEREAS**, Nite Owl Drive-In has over the years remained a family owned and operated business, now in its third generation of the family currently being operated by Chris Roepke, Ralph's grandson, and Ralph's son (and Chris' dad) John, now 79, still works the grill; and*

***WHEREAS**, Nite Owl Drive-In has remained a South Side institution where both local residents and out-of-town visitors alike stop by to try one of the award winning burgers, an ice cream treat, or other delicious food offering, that remain as enjoyable and recognizable today as they did in the 1950s; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and congratulates Nite Owl Drive-In for its 75 years of successful business, and extends its wishes for continued success and prosperity into the future; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Roepke family.*

Introduced by Common Council members Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, and Lamont Westmoreland, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 31, 2023.