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Resolution congratulating Bryant's Cocktail Lounge for being named one of Esquire Magazines "Best Bars."

WHEREAS,

BRYANT'S COCKTAIL LOUNGE

was selected as one of Esquire's "Best Bars" in the magazines 2013 competition; 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 owners passing in 1960, Bryant's was purchased by one of former employees 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; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bryant's Cocktail Lounge for being named one of Esquire's "Best Bars," commends the establishment on behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee, and extends wished 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 member José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 17, 2013.