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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and
4 staff of Vito and Nick's Pizzeria in Chicago on their 90th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Vito & Nick's is a family-owned business whose
7 roots originated in Sicily; in 1923, Vito and Mary Barraco
8 opened their first tavern in Chicago; in 1932, Vito opened a
9 new location at 80th and Halsted, calling it Vito's Tavern; in
10 1939, Vito moved to 79th and Carpenter, adding eight restaurant
11 tables and a bar where they served Italian sandwiches, sausage,
12 beef, and snacks; and

13 WHEREAS, Vito's son, Nick, joined the business in 1945
14 after being discharged from the Army Air Force; several years
15 later the family expanded the business to include home cooked
16 meals; in 1949, with the help of Mary, they began making
17 pizzas; the original Sicilian style pizza combined quality
18 tomato sauce, carefully seasoned sausage, pure cheese, and a
19 guarded dough recipe; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2003, Vito & Nick's opened a second location in
21 Lemont, combining an expanded restaurant menu and original thin
22 crust pizza, a bowling alley, banquet facilities (seating 150),

1 on/off premise catering, a lounge, karaoke every Friday
2 evening, and live bands; and

3 WHEREAS, Vito & Nick's Pizzeria was featured on the
4 television program, Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives on the Food
5 Network; and

6 WHEREAS, The anniversary celebration will be held on June
7 26, 2010 at the original Vito & Nick's Pizzeria on South
8 Pulaski Road in Chicago; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the owners and staff of Vito & Nick's Pizzeria on
12 their anniversary celebration and wish them continued success
13 for years to come; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the owners of Vito & Nick's Pizzeria, Rosemary and
16 Larry George, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.