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Sponsor(s): Burke, Edward (14)

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Title: Congratulations extended to Richard Melman

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2011, Richard Melman was awarded the 2011 *Restaurateur of the Year Award* by the James Beard Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this accomplishment by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Richard Melman is the Founder and Chairman of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, which originated in Chicago and currently operates approximately forty restaurant concepts throughout the country; and

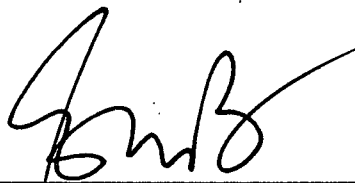
WHEREAS, Richard Melman was nominated for this award for six consecutive years and is its first ever Chicago recipient; and

WHEREAS, Richard Melman's remarkable career as a restaurateur began in 1971 with the opening of R.J. Grunts, and has expanded to include unique spots as Café Ba-Ba-Reeba! and elegant dining establishments as Everest and Tru; and

WHEREAS, Colleagues and restaurant critics alike agree that the recent recognition bestowed on Richard Melman is both well deserved and long overdue; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of May, 2011, do hereby congratulate Richard Melman on his forty years of success in the dining industry and having been named *Restaurateur of the Year*; and

BE IT. FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Richard Melman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JMB' or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward