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SALUTE TO CHICAGO'S LE BOUCHON'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, French restaurant Le Bouchon, located on North Damen and created by legendary French Chef Jean-Claude Poilevey, celebrates its 20th year of bringing Paris to the streets of this city's Bucktown neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Claude's son, Sous Chef Oliver Poilevey, who has recently joined the restaurant staff, kicked off the week-long celebration with a special seven course "Nose to Tail" dinner Sunday, June 2, 2013. He will also be lending his contemporary vision to re-conceptualize several of the restaurant's traditional Lyonnaise menu items; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Claude Poilevey, originally from the Burgundy region of France, began learning his trade at the age of 14, working in London and then the United States, opening the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Several years later, he moved to Chicago and brought the taste of France with him. A recent inductee to the Culinary Academy of France, Chef Poilevey strives for authenticity in his elegant and romantic French bistro; and

WHEREAS, Le Bouchon has served Chicago residents a taste of Paris since 1993. The restaurant has received accolades from food critics and patrons alike, including Gayot.com <<http://Gayot.com>>, Frommer's, the local WTTW television show "Check, Please!", Chowhound, and Centerstage; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward and the Honorable Scott Waguespack of the 32nd Ward, has apprised this august body of Le Bouchon's culinary contribution to the noteworthy restaurant scene in Chicago; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 5th Day of June, 2013 AD, do hereby salute Chef Jean-Claude Poilevey and the Le Bouchon Bistro for two decades of gustatory greatness and wish them continued culinary success all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to French Restaurant Le Bouchon and Chef Poilevey.