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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners of
4 Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood on the occasion of the company's
5 50th anniversary on August 20, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Aurelio's Pizza was begun by Joseph A. Aurelio
7 Jr., who, after returning from service in the U.S. Army,
8 arrived in Homewood in 1959 to live his dream of owning his own
9 pizzeria; his entrepreneur spirit, hard work ethic, kindness to
10 the community, and perseverance to create the perfect pizza
11 enabled him to open the original Aurelio's Pizza at 2045 Ridge
12 Road in Homewood; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon finding great success with his pizzeria,
14 Joseph Aurelio Jr. expanded the Aurelio's Pizza on Ridge Road 4
15 times from 1959 to 1975; in 1976, he purchased a 12,000 square
16 foot warehouse on Harwood Avenue; after a year of construction
17 and a million-dollar investment, the world's largest pizzeria
18 was born, featuring 3 levels of seating and a capacity of
19 nearly 600 in a beautiful all-wood structure; this new location
20 enabled Aurelio's to become a show piece for the south suburbs;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Today, the Homewood Aurelio's Pizza is the

1 flagship of the 43 locations in 6 states and the standard by
2 which all other Aurelio's locations are measured; the
3 pizzeria's management, composed of Joseph Aurelio Jr.'s son,
4 Joe, and daughter, Sue, still stand by Joe's original vision of
5 serving the highest quality food with friendly service and
6 affordable prices, all while giving back to the communities
7 they serve; and

8 WHEREAS, Aurelio's Pizza serves as a model of dedicated
9 community service, integrity, and generosity for the people of
10 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate the owners of Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood on the
14 occasion of the company's 50th anniversary and wish them
15 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Joe and Sue Aurelio as a symbol of our esteem and
19 respect.