

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jeff and Sherri Robinson on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Blackhorse Pub & Brewery.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those dining establishments that have distinguished themselves as valuable contributors to their communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Jeff and Sherri Robinson's Blackhorse Pub & Brewery is one such sterling business that has firmly established itself as a paragon of hospitality and quality food and drink in the Clarksville community; and

WHEREAS, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1992, the Robinsons were planning for a quiet opening of their new business, Franklin Street Pub, in downtown Clarksville; however, word spread like wildfire among the locals, and they were overwhelmed on their first day of business, even briefly running out of beer; and

WHEREAS, from this auspicious beginning, the Robinsons have persevered through several economic downturns in Clarksville, including the 1999 downtown tornado, to prosper and excel as restaurateurs; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Robinsons rebranded their establishment as the Blackhorse Pub and added a pizza kitchen that was soon consolidated into the main restaurant; and

WHEREAS, with a staff of approximately 100, the Blackhorse now seats 185 patrons downstairs and another eighty upstairs in the taproom, which hosts a variety of special events; and

WHEREAS, while the Blackhorse's food remains fresh, popular, and delicious, Mr. Robinson has wisely expanded into the ever-growing craft beer industry to give the business a special identity; and

WHEREAS, Blackhorse now brews and distributes its twelve core beers and eighteen seasonal beers throughout the area and parts of East Tennessee and has added a primary brewery in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Robinson, formerly a helicopter pilot, retired from the U.S. Army after serving in Operation Desert Storm to spend more time with his daughter, Taylor, and realize his dream of owning a restaurant; and

WHEREAS, with a little help from his family, he realized that dream, primarily because of his wife, Sherri, the internal engine and driving force behind the Blackhorse; and

WHEREAS, as this milestone anniversary approaches, the Robinsons plan to reinvest in the Clarksville community by adding a rooftop deck to the Blackhorse, and of course, they will host a special celebration on St. Patrick's Day; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, Blackhorse Pub & Brewery has been prominent as downtown Clarksville's signature restaurant and brew pub, and it is wholly fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize Jeff and Sherri Robinson for their ongoing commitment to their patrons and their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jeff and Sherri Robinson on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Blackhorse Pub & Brewery and extend them our best wishes for another successful quarter century of providing food and drink to their devoted patrons in downtown Clarksville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.