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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate the Ariston Cafe in Litchfield on the occasion of
4 its 100th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe is believed to be the oldest,
6 continuously operated cafe on the entire U.S. Highway 66,
7 popularly known as Route 66; and

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WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe was founded by Pete Adam, a
9 Greek immigrant, in Carlinville on Route 4, the predecessor of
10 Route 66, in 1924; and

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WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe was relocated to Litchfield in
12 1929, and it was moved to its present location on Old Route 66
13 North in 1935; and

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WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe's operations were taken over by
15 Pete Adam's son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Demi Adam, in
16 1966, and the couple continued to offer the traditional
17 service expected of a family-owned-and-operated American
18 restaurant; and

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WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe and the Adam family were
20 inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe was placed on the National
2 Register of Historical Places by the State of Illinois and the
3 National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior
4 in May 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe was purchased by its current
6 owners, Will and Michele Law and Marty and Kara Steffens, all
7 of Litchfield, in July 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe continues to offer a variety of
9 comfort food fare, including Southern, Greek, Italian, and
10 Mexican entrees, and a variety of desserts made onsite; and

11 WHEREAS, The Ariston Cafe celebrated its 100th anniversary
12 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Litchfield Chamber of
13 Commerce on July 17, 2024; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
16 Ariston Cafe in Litchfield on its 100th anniversary, and we
17 wish the historic establishment continued success; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 delivered to the Ariston Cafe as a symbol of our esteem and

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