

SR-50, As Adopted by Senate, May 7, 2009

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 50.

A resolution celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Little Caesars Pizza.

Whereas, Michael and Marian Ilitch, first-generation Americans, founded Little Caesars Pizza on May 8, 1959; and

Whereas, Little Caesars Pizza, now the fastest-growing pizza chain, grew from one single pizza shop in Garden City, Michigan, to currently having restaurants in more than 20 countries worldwide; and

Whereas, Of the top 150 family businesses established more than 50 years ago in America, Little Caesars remains one of the few with actively-involved founders in Michael and Marian Ilitch. Only three other businesses can tout this same great achievement; and

Whereas, Throughout its long history, Little Caesars Pizza has been a business which has consistently offered families and customers outstanding value; provided jobs for young adults seeking experience in the workforce and a valuable place to start their careers; and provided countless families with the opportunity to start their American Dream by opening their own franchise; and

Whereas, Due to the belief in perseverance, dreaming big, taking risks, and applying innovation while maintaining a sense of humility, the founders have seen the evolution of their company from a small pizza shop in Michigan to a worldwide corporation; and

Whereas, From the Ilitches' recipe of success have come many other grand endeavors, including their purchase of the Detroit Tigers, the Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings, and many other prosperous companies; and

Whereas, Since the very beginning of their venture, the Ilitches have included in their mission the need to give back to their community and provide service to help others in need. They have sponsored youth hockey teams; founded the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League, the country's most-respected youth hockey program; founded the Little Caesars Love Kitchen, a pizza kitchen on wheels that has provided free, hot pizza to two million citizens, as well as disaster survivors and rescue workers for over two and a half decades; established the Little Caesars Veterans Program, a program which has helped more than 50 U.S. veterans to apply for more than \$1.5 million in credits and benefits to become Little Caesars franchisees; and supported countless church, school, and sports teams throughout their communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join together with thousands of members of the Little Caesars community to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Little Caesars Pizza and the many milestones and accomplishments Michael and Marian Ilitch have achieved through this successful company; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Michael and Marian Ilitch with our highest esteem.