

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the economic histories of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Brad Poole and Michael Risch have opened LoDo's Martini Bar in the southeast corner shop of the newly renovated Marquette Towers, an event which will be celebrated with an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony sponsored by the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 10, 2005; and

Whereas, LoDo's Martini Bar will take its rightful place among such other completed projects in Cape Girardeau's historical district as the new federal courthouse and the River Campus; and

Whereas, LoDo's Martini Bar features vintage signs and a star-shaped bar to replicate the 1950s bar that was Cape Girardeau's legendary hangout before the Marquette Towers hotel closed; and

Whereas, while living in Colorado fifteen years ago, Brad Poole and Michael Risch dreamed of opening an upscale drinking establishment in their hometown of Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, LoDo's Martini Bar manager Brad Poole garnered more than a decade of restaurant experience in Denver before returning to Cape Girardeau, and Michael Risch has contributed the knowledge and skills he accrued for two years as part owner of Mollie's Café to their cooperative venture in the Marquette Towers; and

Whereas, the name LoDo's Martini Bar is derived from the phrase "Lower Downtown" and incorporates the establishment's featured beverage:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held by the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce for LoDo's Martini Bar in the Marquette Towers downtown hotel and to convey to its owners, Brad Poole and Michael Risch, this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for unparalleled personal and professional success for many years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the opening of LoDo's Martini Bar in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Nathan D. Cooper
 District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker