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Honoring Palmer Place Restaurant & Biergarten's 30th Anniversary

Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palmer Place Restaurant & Biergarten in La Grange, Illinois on its 30th Anniversary. For the past three decades, Palmer Place has been a vital part of La Grange's local economy and a staple in the downtown business district. Since its founding, it has provided the community with quality food, craft beer, and atmosphere to enjoy with friends and family.

Some thirty years ago, La Grange was losing a substantial amount of local businesses. In 1982, Ruth Palmer returned home from a trip to Germany with the inspiration to open what would be the first biergarten in Chicago's Western Suburbs. Despite the risky business circumstances, in 1983, Ruth and Mike Palmer founded Palmer Place Restaurant & Biergarten. As a result, the Palmer Family was monumental in reviving downtown La Grange, and helping to make it the thriving business district it is today.

Though the restaurant has grown from 8 employees to 126, Palmer Place remains family owned and operated by Ruth Palmer, and after the passing of Mike Palmer in 1990, their sons Phil and Steve Palmer. Now, the third generation of Palmers has begun work in the family business: Kyle Palmer, Merle Palmer, and Robert Palmer. It is clear that the family's commitment to the community has been extraordinary over the past 30 years. In 2012 alone, Palmer Place donated over \$50,000 in gift-certificates to local charities. The family's commitment is further illustrated in the active role they have played in the LaGrange Business Association, West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, and the Illinois Restaurant Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Palmer Place Restaurant & Biergarten on its 30th Anniversary. The Palmer Family's flourishing restaurant is a shining example of the positive influence that local businesses can have on their communities. May it continue to thrive in La Grange and serve as an example to all small business entrepreneurs.