

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-17**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED BY THE SOUTH BEND COUNCIL HONORING STEEL WAREHOUSE FOR ITS LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHING CONTINUED SUCCESS AS A VIABLE AND ONGOING BUSINESS**

*Whereas*, **Steel Warehouse** is a family-owned business, founded by Nate Lerman. He opened a shop in 1947 in a small rented building with a used piece of equipment, a rented lift truck, and an iron will. Mr. Lerman was an inveterate entrepreneur who had pursued many opportunities, but it was in the steel industry where his mix of hard-nosed discipline, commitment to excellence and genuine care for people set himself and the company on a path of growth, innovation, and eventual industry leadership; and

*Whereas*, Nate Lerman's family tree has continued his original legacy. Six of his children and eleven of his grandchildren currently work for the business, serving as stewards for the family and the company.

*Whereas*, while starting out with a mere handful of employees, **Steel Warehouse** embarked on a pattern of steady growth to become one of the industry's largest and most cutting-edge steel processing centers in the world, creatively devising new products and processes.

*Whereas*, **Steel Warehouse's** corporate headquarters and primary manufacturing facilities are located on the west side of South Bend, and during its 70-year history, it has prospered and created over one thousand jobs for people in the region and throughout the United States, as well as in facilities in Central and South America.

*Whereas*, **Steel Warehouse** is owned by the Lerman family, a Jewish family whose dedication to various charitable efforts in the community has helped support and grow the local Jewish community, including by supporting synagogues, schools and a local deli; and

*Whereas*, **Steel Warehouse and the entire Lerman family** have also made numerous contributions over the years to various charities in the community and have annually donated to many local and national causes, with an emphasis towards programs that support children and families. These contributions have helped to enrich the local institutions which serve the South Bend community.

*Now, Therefore, be it publicly and proudly resolved as follows:*

Section I. On behalf of the citizens of South Bend, Indiana, the South Bend Common Council proudly and publicly *congratulates and thanks* **Steel Warehouse and the entire Lerman family**, who have worked for over 70 years to build a small start-up company into a full-service, steel processing business that has long served the local South Bend economy and the City of South Bend through its growth and contributions to the community.

Section II. The Common Council proudly recognizes **Steel Warehouse and the Lerman family** as valued members of our community and as a company of individuals that have helped

keep the local economy viable during hard times by employing many local citizens over the 70 years of its existence.

Section III. The Common Council and the citizens of South Bend wish **Steel Warehouse and the Lerman family** continued success with their local, family-owned business and laud the many other contributions to the community made by **Steel Warehouse and the Lerman family as a whole** as they celebrate the 70th anniversary of the company and their efforts at making it a successful business and ongoing contributor to the community in many different ways for many years to come. *Congratulations!*

Section IV. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

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Robert J. Palmer, Council Attorney

*Witness:*

*Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.*

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Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk

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Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana