

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 282

Introduced by Erdman, 47.

WHEREAS, the Potter Sundry is located at 324 Chestnut Street in Potter; and

WHEREAS, the building was originally constructed with an oak back bar, leaded glass, a full mirror, and a tin roof in 1914; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Drug Company opened a drug store inside the building in 1916; and

WHEREAS, James Earl Thayer lived above the drug store, ran the pharmacy, and raised a family there; and

WHEREAS, James Earl Thayer's son, Harold Dean Thayer, acquired the nickname Pinky due to his bright red, wavy hair; and

WHEREAS, Pinky Thayer enjoyed concocting spectacular sundaes in the early 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Pinky Thayer created the first Tin Roof Sundae at the age of fourteen while working as a soda jerk and named the treat after the tin ceiling of the Potter Sundry; and

WHEREAS, the Tin Roof Sundae is an original ice cream creation made in a soda glass with vanilla ice cream topped with a generous amount of chocolate syrup, then chocolate ice cream covered with marshmallow sauce, and whole roasted Spanish peanuts on top; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Food Network formally recognized the Tin Roof Sundae as an iconic Nebraska dessert; and

WHEREAS, several companies have marketed ice cream flavors attempting to replicate the original Tin Roof Sundae; and

WHEREAS, the Tin Roof Sundae has also inspired the creation of new desserts; and

WHEREAS, the Tin Roof Sundae is a unique dessert combining salty and sweet, marshmallow sauce and whole roasted Spanish peanuts, setting it apart as a truly special sundae; and

WHEREAS, the Tin Roof Sundae is still being served at the Potter Sundry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes Harold Dean Thayer as the original creator of the Tin Roof Sundae.
2. That the Legislature declares the Tin Roof Sundae to be the sundae of the State of Nebraska.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kendra Mitchell, the current owner of the Potter Sundry.