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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

First I want to thank everyone from being here tonight for this annual black-tie banquet and ball. This is the only time of the year I have to dress up in this monkey suit but it is totally worth it to celebrate the restaurant business that we all share. I offer a special welcome to our area dignitaries, our city and county mayors as well as all the top restauranteurs and other food service industry professionals. As most of you know, I have been a restaurant supply company owner and a member of the Memphis Restaurant Association for 25 years and tonight is the epitome of my experience. I am honored to be named the 2015 Associate Restaurant Member of the Year for the Memphis Restaurant Association. I’ve also enjoyed serving on the board of this association for many years. Every year I enjoy coming to this wonderful event. Where else could I get the best meal in town than a meeting of restaurant owners?

Receiving this award is one experience I’ll never forget. But, in accepting it I must also acknowledge the employees and customers. I could never do the things required to earn this award without my employees to do a great job nor could I have earned this award without my customers to appreciate all their hard work. It takes a team to make anything great happen and all of you have made my job easier every day. Each of you has a part in the restaurant business, where it is keeping the restaurants supplied or serving in the restaurants. I want to thank all of our employees and any partners who have worked with us to keep the Memphis restaurant industry booming.

Everyone here tonight has a part in the restaurant business. Government agencies must authorize printers and sometimes courts determine whether or not there is a case of liable by something written in the newspaper about it. Other businesses are a part of the supply chain