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APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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Dear Stockholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the special meeting of the stockholders of Applebee's International, Inc., to be held on October 30, 2007. **Your board of directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR the proposed merger with IHOP Corp.**

Since approval of the merger requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares, **your vote is important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. **Please vote TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.**

Very truly yours,

Rebecca R. Tilden
Secretary

- **REMEMBER:** -

- **You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet.** -
- **Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed card.** -

- If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting -
- your shares, please call our proxy solicitor, -
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- **INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED** -
- **TOLL-FREE, at (877) 687-1866.** -

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, IHOP Corp. and Applebee's International will be filing documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and Applebee's has filed a related definitive proxy statement. Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement because it contains important information about the proposed transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by IHOP Corp. by contacting IHOP Investor Relations at 818-240-6055. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Applebee's by contacting Applebee's Investor Relations at 913-967-4000. In addition, you may also find information about the merger transaction at www.ihopapplebeesacquisition.com.

Applebee's and their directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Applebee's in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction is included in the definitive proxy statement of Applebee's described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Applebee's is also included in Applebee's proxy statement for its 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 9, 2007, and the supplemental proxy statement filed on May 1, 2007. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and from Investor Relations at IHOP and Applebee's as described above.