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THE CHOP HOUSE® RANKED 9th FASTEST GROWING RESTAURANT CHAIN IN AMERICA

Restaurant Business magazine has released "The Future 50" list of the fastest growing restaurant chains in America with sales between \$25 and \$50 million, with a Knoxville-based restaurant coming in at number nine. The Chop House, owned by local company Connor Concepts, Inc., gained 16 points from its previous 2009 ranking of 25 to garner the #9 spot with \$42.5 million in sales.

The ranking is particularly relevant since The Chop House, known for premium steaks and flown-in-daily seafood, was able to thrive despite the challenging economy. According to President Mike Connor, "It's exciting to see our efforts rewarded ... we're very thankful for our patrons who continue to support The Chop House."

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