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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Sam Toia, a widely admired Chicago restaurateur and civic leader, has been named Acting President of the Illinois Restaurant Association; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this appointment by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Sam Toia is the longtime owner of Leona's Restaurants and has served as the Chairman of the Illinois Restaurant Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Sam Toia succeeds Sheila O'Grady who leaves the Association after five years as President to accept a new position in the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, In his new role, Sam Toia will continue to propel the Association forward as the hospitality industry plays a major role in contributing to the growth of both the state's economy and the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, An individual of remarkable leadership skills, Sam Toia grew up in the restaurant business and heads a chain of fifteen Leona's restaurants and two Hop Haus sports pubs; and

**WHEREAS**, Widely respected for his active civic involvement, Sam Toia rose is a member of the Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals and a past member of the McPier Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Sam Toia serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby congratulate Sam Toia on his appointment as Acting President of the Illinois Restaurant Association and to hereby express our best wishes for his success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sam Toia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GWB' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**