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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Olga Catelani Suareo on 100th birthday
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

RESOLUTION HONORING  
OLGA CATELANI SUAREO  
ON THE OCCASION  
OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Olga Catelani Suareo will be celebrating the momentous occasion of her centennial birthday on July 29, 2014 and family and friends will be gathering at Villa Brunetti on July 26, 2014 to honor her on this occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Nicholas Sposato, esteemed Alderman of the 36th Ward, and

WHEREAS, Olga Catelani Suareo was born and raised in Chicago, the daughter of Lazzaro and Emilia, who emigrated from Lucca, Italy, and sister of Celia, Ida and cousin Jeannette (her "third" sister); and

WHEREAS, Olga was born and raised in the Taylor Street neighborhood, being born at the family home at 918 W. Hope Street and baptized at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, and

WHEREAS, Olga enjoyed a childhood rich in Italian traditions, growing up with her sisters and childhood friends Isabel, Katie, Josephine, Margie and Esther Luciani Grieco, who remained her dear lifelong friend; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 10 years, Olga began going to Hull House to borrow books in Italian for her mother which began her lifelong association with this fine institution and where she remembers conversing with Jane Addams; and

WHEREAS, Olga's first job was at the Chicago Macaroni Company where she worked with her childhood friends Esther and Isabel; and

WHEREAS, Olga met the love of her life, Joseph Suareo, at Hull House, and married him at Our Lady of Pompeii Church on November 14, 1937; and

WHEREAS, Olga and Joseph began their life together on the west side of Chicago, raising two beautiful children, Albert and Nancy, and enjoying Olga's parents as part of their household, and meeting her lifelong friend Alice Lang; and

WHEREAS, Olga, a source of inspiration and fun, is known for her parties, her cooking, dancing, and organizing skills, inviting neighbors into her home at 2131 N. Nordica in 1976 to plan the *2000 and 2100 block of N. Nordica Block Party*, which was designated an official City of Chicago Bicentennial Project, and endured for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Olga continued to be a vibrant member of the Galewood Community for many years, always welcoming family and friends into her home and sharing her hospitality; and

WHEREAS, after losing Joseph in 1964, Olga returned to the workforce at Goldblatt's Department Store at Grand and Harlem, where she worked until it closed in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Olga continued her tradition of family and friends, having her Tuesday "Pasta Night", and enjoying her past times of traveling, playing Bunco and Canasta, enjoying her membership in the Good Shepherd Seniors Club and sharing her legendary spaghetti gravy, meatballs, lasagna, manicotti and her baked delights of apple slices, fruit horns, crescent cookies and sweet breads with her lucky family, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Olga has been an inspiration and a source of delight and comfort to so many, and is wished health and happiness to share with her daughter Nancy, daughter-in-law Maryann (wife of the late Albert), her grandchildren Joseph (Lynn), Gina (Vincent), Frank, Laurie, Karen (Michel), Robert (Rosa) and her beloved great-grandchildren: Joseph, Michael, Vincent, Santo, Nicholas, Kristin, Natalie, Tyler and Grace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 25th day of June, 2014, A.D., do hereby offer our best wishes and convey our deep respect to Olga Catelani Suareo as she commemorates this milestone birthday.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Olga Catelani Suareo.



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Nicholas Sposato  
Alderman, 36th Ward

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