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A SALUTE TO HARRY J. BROZYSKI

WHEREAS, On August 3, 2014, Harry J. Brozynski, an outstanding citizen and member of the "Greatest Generation", joins the burgeoning ranks of this region's nonagenarians; and

WHEREAS, In many ways, Harry Brozynski's story exemplifies so many Chicagoans of that generation. He started life as the sixth of nine children born to the union of the late Marcella and Adam Brozynski who emigrated from Poland in the early 1900s. A native of this city's South Side, Harry attended Bowen High School for three years but dropped out to enlist in the Navy shortly after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Harry Brozynski was on active duty for six years as a radar specialist and machine gunner on the destroyer USS Herndon, seeing action in the North Atlantic, North Africa, Sicily and Normandy. The Herndon was the first U.S. Navy vessel to arrive off Normandy and provided artillery support for the historic landing. Recently, he was honored by the French government for his service during the invasion; and

WHEREAS, After Normandy, Brozynski's ship was assigned to the Pacific Fleet to provide carrier support, surviving several kamikaze attacks. At the end of hostilities, the Herndon was responsible for securing the surrender of several Japanese navy vessels in the China Sea. Brozynski also served aboard the battleship U.S.S. Missouri after the Herndon was decommissioned, although he arrived too late to see the Japanese surrender to General Douglas MacArthur; and

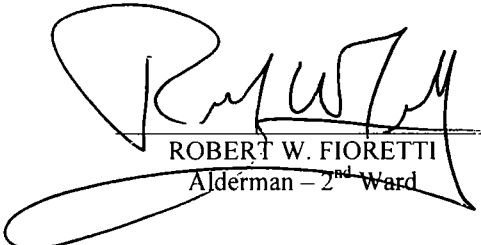
WHEREAS, While on a three-day pass, Harry Brozynski was joined in Holy Matrimony to Lorraine Olson on February 23, 1946. After he was discharged, Harry stayed with the U.S. Navy in the Reserves for more than 25 years as well as becoming a member the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He went to work for the Pullman Car Company and later was employed by Sears Roebuck, for whom he worked for more than 35 years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Although he now lives in the western suburb of Naperville, Harry and Lorraine Brozynski resided in the Roseland community on this city's South Side for a half-century where they raised three children. During the 1960s, Harry coached baseball for the Little League in Roseland and the Pony League at West Pullman Park. The Brozynski family were also active members of Assumption Catholic Church on 122nd and Parnell; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant milestone achieved by this notable World War II veteran who has contributed so much to this city's growth and vitality; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together on this 30th Day of July, 2014 AD, do hereby salute Harry J. Brozynski on the occasion of his 90th birthday and extend our very best wishes for health, happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Harry J. Brozynski.



ROBERT W. FIORETTI
Alderman - 2nd Ward