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Title:	Gratitude extended to Jane Heron for 40 years of service to Logan Square neighborhood
Committee(s) Assignment:	

A resolution recognizing Jane Heron - community organizer, urban planner and long time Logan Square resident.

WHEREAS, Jane Heron has been a fixture of the Logan Square neighborhood since 1979; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1970s, Jane recognized the importance of preserving Logan Square's graceful and historic built environment, and began leading neighborhood efforts to rehabilitate buildings, spur economic development, and showcase the beauty of the Logan Square community; and

WHEREAS, Soon after her arrival to the neighborhood, Jane joined the Logan Square Economic Redevelopment Corporation, which was part of a citywide initiative to rehab and occupy properties that were foreclosed on by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA); and

WHEREAS, In Jane's own words, she "just wanted to do what we could to make the neighborhood better, to fix up low-income housing for low-income people, to make Logan Square a nice place to live for everybody;" and

WHEREAS, In addition to her strong role in community organizations, Jane Heron wrote for The Eagle, a former biweekly tabloid-size newspaper that promoted community awareness and activities;" and

WHEREAS, Jane helped organize events such as a 5K race, and also served on the Kosciuszko Park Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, In 2006 Jane co-authored and edited *The Politics of Place: A History of Zoning in Chicago* with Joseph P. Schwieterman and Dana M. Caspall and published by Lake Claremont Press, a book that explores how the face of Chicago was shaped by enterprise, ingenuity, opportunity--and zoning; and

WHEREAS, Jane is an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who has been warmly described by her Logan Square neighbors as "outspoken, pioneering, passionate;" and

WHEREAS, Jane's love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endears her to her family, friends and all who know her; and

WHEREAS, our Chicago City Council has been informed by 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack and 35th Ward Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa of Jane's forty years of community service; and

WHEREAS, Jane's hard work, sacrifice, public service, and dedication to her neighborhood serves as an example to all Chicagoans; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixteenth day of October 2019, do hereby recognize Jane Heron as an exemplary Chicagoan for her forty years of community service to the Logan Square neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jane Heron.

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa
Alderman, 35th Ward

Scott Waguespack
Alderman, 32nd Ward

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