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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sheila O'Grady has announced her departure as President of the Illinois Restaurant Association to accept a new position in the private sector; and

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

WHEREAS, Sheila O'Grady was named to lead the association five years ago and leaves to join the Chicago office of Spencer Stuart, one of the world's leading executive search consulting firms; and

WHEREAS, During her esteemed tenure as head of the Illinois Restaurant Association, Sheila O'Grady helped to found Chicago Gourmet, one of the nation's most highly-attended annual food and wine festivals, which showcases Chicago's fine dining establishments; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the London School of Economics, Sheila O'Grady earned her law degree from the University of Notre Dame and brings to her new position an impressive resume in government service; and

WHEREAS, Sheila O'Grady previously served as Mayor Richard M. Daley's Chief of Staff and held leadership positions with the City, including Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development and Director of Code Enforcement for the Chicago Zoning Department; and

WHEREAS, Beginning on May 1, 2012, Sheila O'Grady will begin her new role with Spencer Stuart, serving as a consultant and focusing on the restaurant and hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, An individual of great community commitment and civic involvement, Sheila O'Grady has ably served since 2008 as President of the Board of Directors of SOS Children's Villages of Illinois, and is a valued member of numerous not-for-profit and government-related organizations; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Sheila O'Grady 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 Sheila O'Grady on her accomplishments as President of the Illinois Restaurant Association and do hereby express our best wishes for her success in this new role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sheila O'Grady.

Alderman - 14th Ward