



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on December 7, 1920, Anthony Gargano was the youngest of seven children born to Italian immigrants who had come to Chicago and made their home on the City's West Side; and

**WHEREAS,** When his father died, Anthony Gargano dropped out of high school and went to work to help his mother buy food for the family; and

**WHEREAS,** On December 7, 1941, Anthony Gargano's 22nd birthday, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and less than six weeks later he enlisted in the U.S. Navy; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano was assigned to one of three ships masquerading as merchant vessels; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1942 Anthony Gargano and his shipmates were captured by the Japanese and taken to Hakodate prison camp on an island just north of mainland Japan; and

**WHEREAS,** During his internment, Anthony Gargano was severely beaten on a regular basis and suffered from malnutrition; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano remained a prisoner of war for three years and was freed the day the Japanese surrendered and abandoned the camp; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano returned to the United States and married the love of his life, Julia; and

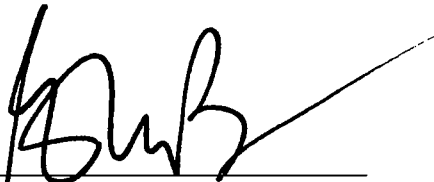
**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano worked six days a week as a maître d' at Elliott's Pine Log Restaurant, raised a son, George, and a daughter, Lexi, and has welcomed the arrival of five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano is truly an example of what journalist Tom Brokaw called "Our Greatest Generation;" and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Gargano is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of November, 2015 do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Anthony Gargano for his military service; and

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



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