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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Wally Gusich, a widely admired Chicago citizen, celebrating the joyful occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was born to Andrew and Stefania Gusich on October 1, 1928; and wonderful brother to Marion, William, Agnes, Ann, Theresa, Helen and Betty; and the same year Mickey Mouse was born; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Honorable Patrick D. Thompson, Alderman of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, A true gentleman of extraordinary integrity and intellect; Wally Gusich exemplifies the power of human resolve, perseverance, and faith; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich attended McClellan Elementary School graduating in January of 1942; and attended Tilden Tech High School graduating in January 1946; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Wally Z. Gusich was inducted 27 June 1948 and transferred to the Army Reserve 28 June 1950 and was Honorably Discharged from the Army of the United States on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1955; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Walter Gusich married the love of his life Grace, (nee Jauregui) on May 23, 1953; and has enjoyed more than 60 years of marriage; Grace passed away on October 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, During their long and fruitful marriage, the couple was blessed with three children, Cindy, Mark and Greg; and

WHEREAS, The much-respected patriarch of his family Walter Gusich is the grandfather of six; Theresa, Dana, Juliann, Gino, Mark and Taylor, and great-grandfather of two; Giovanni and Lorenzo; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich started employment in April 1946 at Comiskey Park as a Vendor at a Hot Dog Stand; February 1947 employed by Mack Truck Motor Corporation; June 1948 was a Supply Clerk and Personnel Clerk for the U.S. Army; February 1951 worked for Friction Materials Corporation; June 1957 worked for the Chicago Park District at the Adler Planetarium, as well as; The City of Chicago Sign Division; 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Organization as Ward Secretary, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and currently the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Senior Citizen Liason for the Bridgeport Community; and

WHEREAS, During his long and colorful career, Walter Gusich has enjoyed the confidence of generations of seniors who have turned to him for guidance and direction which he dispenses with wisdom and levity; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich is an active Member of the Hamburg Athletic Association, Club Sinj and Club Polijica of St. Jerome Croation Church; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich has received numerous awards; The 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Party recognized Wally for his years of service to the people of his community on March 15, 2000; Inducted into Mayor Richard M. Daley's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame; Two time Winner of the Senior Citizen of the Year Award; and for 5 years in a row the Winner on the team known as Team Biscotti at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridgeport Trivia Night; and

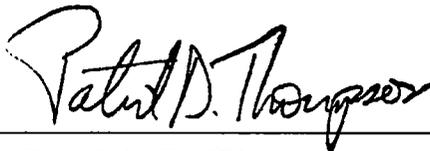
WHEREAS, At home in the Bridgeport neighborhood, Walter Gusich attends daily mass, dances, sings, dines at neighborhood restaurants and exchanges greetings with his many friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, At the age of ninety, Walter Gusich still reports to work everyday, even on some weekends to get ready so he can better serve the Seniors of our community; Wally at 90 years young is an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, Walter Gusich is a true Chicago treasure who throughout his life has personified the word "friend"; he is an individual who is exceedingly worthy of our great admiration and esteem; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twentieth day of September 2018, do hereby express our best wishes for his continued good health, happiness, and prosperity; and

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick D. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Patrick D. Thompson  
Alderman, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward