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Tribute to late Ronald Lucius Salazar

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar, for eighteen years a dedicated City of Chicago employee and community good will ambassador attached to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events as a Planning Coordinator, unexpectedly passed away at the age of fifty-three; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his tragic passing by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar was born on March 4, 1965 in Manila, Philippines, to Rosalina and the late Faustino Salazar; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in Architecture; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar worked as an architect for Teng & Associates from 1995-2000; and

WHEREAS, as a Department of Cultural Affairs employee, Ronald Lucius Salazar helped assemble and coordinate numerous exhibitions, neighborhood farmers' markets, film festivals, concerts, community street fairs and Park District events across the city including the Maxwell Street Market, the popular Taste of Chicago, and the annual Christkindlmarket held in the Richard J. Daley Civic Center Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar dedicated his life to spreading cultural awareness to Chicagoans from all walks of life, and was actively involved with a number of organizations to promote awareness and appreciation of Philippine history and culture, including the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago; the Chicago Cultural Alliance; the Philippine American Cultural Foundation; the José Rizal Community Center; the Field Museum's Philippine Co-Curator Team; the CIRCA Pintig Theater Group; and the Piyesta Pinoy Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, as an avid traveler, Ronald Lucius Salazar experienced and savored cultural diversity, viewing his time abroad as not only a journey but a destination full of richness and wonder awaiting him; and

WHEREAS, greatly admired and respected not only as a devoted friend and family man, but also as a philanthropist and mentor, Ronald Lucius Salazar is described as an "architect, a humanist; always humble, benevolent, compassionate, loving and caring, working behind the scene to enliven Chicago, making Chicago what it is today;" and

WHEREAS, Ronald Lucius Salazar is survived by his brother of Rod, sister Rochelle (Marcos) Que, and nieces and nephew Hailey, Brae, Andrew, and Alaina; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2019 do hereby express our most sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Ronald Lucius Salazar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Ronald Lucius Salazar as a sign of our honor and respect.

Margaret Laurino Alderman – Ward 39

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