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## ***RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, Duilio “Duke” Sorini has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 93; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, A resident of La Grange Park, Duilio “Duke” Sorini was a legendary Chicago restaurateur and the loving husband of the late Norma Ann, nee Mazzetti; and

**WHEREAS**, Duilio “Duke” Sorini was the much-adored father of Paulette and Ron, the grandfather of six and the great-grandfather of nine to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Duilio “Duke” Sorini was born in Chicago months after his parents emigrated to Chicago from Italy’s Tuscany region; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised on the West Side, Duilio “Duke” Sorini graduated from Harrison High School and joined the United States Army during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, A proud patriot and a member of “The Greatest Generation”, Duilio “Duke” Sorini bravely served as a flight engineer aboard B-17s and flew 40 missions over Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, Following the war, Duilio “Duke” Sorini returned to Chicago where with his cousin, Leo Cecchi, he owned and operated Febo restaurant at 2501 South Western Avenue for four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Febo, with its tongue-in-cheek motto “Famous For Nothing!”, was among handful of old-style Italian restaurants in the tradition of The Como Inn, Club Corsica and Club El Bianco; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for his charisma and quick wit, Duilio “Duke” Sorini worked in the kitchen and bar and with his cousin expanded the restaurant’s menu and wine list; and

**WHEREAS**, Febo became a popular destination for families, celebrities, sports figures and politicians; and

**WHEREAS,** Duilio “Duke” Sorini retired from the restaurant in 1989; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Duilio “Duke” Sorini serve as an example to all; and

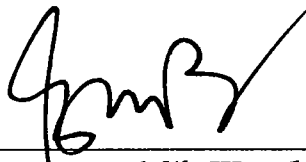
**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Duilio “Duke” Sorini to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** Duilio “Duke” Sorini was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Duilio “Duke” Sorini imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifth day of October, 2016, do hereby commemorate Duilio “Duke” Sorini for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Duilio “Duke” Sorini.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JMB' with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**