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Congratulations extended to Chisholm family on 40 years of owning and operating Andy's Jazz Club

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, Andy's Jazz Club opened in 1951 at 11 East Hubbard Street, as a friendly watering hole for newspaper pressmen and drivers who were familiar with the lower level of North Michigan Avenue; and
- WHEREAS, on April 30, 1975, Scott Chisholm became owner of Andy's and began its transformation into one of Chicago's premier jazz-oriented locations;
- WHEREAS, Scott Chisholm introduced live jazz at Andy's in 1978 as a once-a-week attraction, and it received such a favorable reception that live music presentation continued to expand and is now featured every evening; and
- WHEREAS, Scott Chisholm continues to own and inspire Andy's Jazz Club, 40 years after beginning its creative evolution. He has since been succeeded as general manager by his sons Chris (11 years as GM) and Jeff (10 years as GM), with youngest son Brandon in training for the role; and
- WHEREAS, knowing that great music and great food are natural companions, the Chisholm family also expanded the standard pizza and bar food menu to include true gourmet entrees; and
- WHEREAS, in order to preserve and promote jazz as a truly American art form, the Chisholms also instituted student workshops, which now host 2,500 to 3,000 music students annually, and in which the participants learn a deeper appreciation of the genre and receive one-on-one attention from experienced jazz musicians; and
- WHEREAS, Andy's Jazz Club has become a musical retreat for local jazz aficionados as well as for thousands of our city's visitors from every state in the union and from many foreign destinations; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council has been advised of all the foregoing by the Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward; now, therefore,
- **BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 6th day of May, 2015, do hereby congratulate the Chisholm family on completing 40 years as owners, managers and custodians of Andy's Jazz Club, as we wish them all future success; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we thank the generations of the Chisholm family for maintaining a Chicago institution, and for their many contributions to cultural and artistic vitality of the City of Chicago; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to the Chisholm family and to Andy's Jazz Club.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fibretti

Alderman, 2nd Ward

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