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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff was born on the 13th of November 1852, in Dortmund Westphalia, Germany (former Kingdom of Prussia) and died the 31st of December 1934, at the age of 82, in Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff emigrated to the United States of America at the age of 17, in 1870, and was naturalized in 1876; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff was the loving and devoted husband of Walburga (nee Meyer, preceded him in death) and Mary (nee Jansen, proceeded him death); and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff was the cherished father of Alfred, Leo, Hannah, Robert, Lewis, Clement, and Mary Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff was the beloved sibling of Anton Jr., Theodor, Hubert, Henry, Gustav, and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff alongside his brothers, incorporated Herman Berghoff Brewing Company in 1887 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and began brewing their now famous Dortmund style beer; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff was unable to obtain a license to sell his Dortmund beer inside of the World's Colombian Exposition in 1893, so being the savvy business man that he was, set up shop right outside the Fair and sold his bottled beer through the entirety of Exposition; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff applied and obtained a retail license in 1898 and established Berghoff Café on West Adams Street, where you could buy his Dortmund style beer for a nickel and get a free sandwich; and

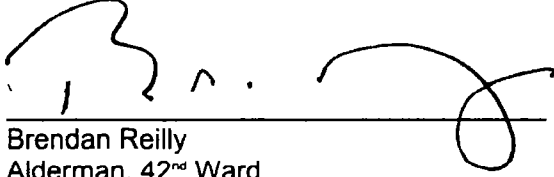
WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff, in 1918 began brewing 'near-beer' in Ft. Wayne, before Prohibition hit Chicago, and created *Bergo*, a line of soda pops that he incorporated into his now established full-service restaurant, The Berghoff, in his new location at 17 W. Adams St.; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff, at the end of Prohibition, was granted the first and second retail liquor license, in the city of Chicago, in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Herman Joseph Berghoff, will be honored and remembered by not only his family, but the multi-generations of diners who have come and gone through The Berghoff door's, and those to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this 25th day of July, 2018, do hereby honor the life and memory of Herman Joseph Berghoff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Herman Joseph Berghoff, for one hundred and twenty years of excellence and business in the city of Chicago.



Brendan Reilly
Alderman, 42nd Ward